Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 Fourth Edition) ANN-ANN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | UCOD ICD-10 Fourth Edition |
| METEOR identifier: | 778804 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 03/08/2023 |
| Definition: | The disease or injury which initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to a person's death or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury, as represented by a code. (WHO 2004) |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—underlying cause of death](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/307862) |
| Value Domain: | [Underlying cause of death code (ICD-10 Fourth Edition) ANN-ANN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/778785) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Fourth Edition](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/778753) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | ANN-ANN | |
| Maximum character length: | 7 | |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Underlying cause of death is central to mortality coding and comparable international mortality reporting. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 Third Edition) ANN-ANN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/778802)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 03/08/2023  Has been superseded by [Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 Fifth Edition) ANN-ANN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774678)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 03/08/2023 |