

Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2019 version) ANN-ANN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Underlying cause of death ICD-10 2019 version
Synonymous names:	UCOD code
METEOR identifier:	778807
Registration status:	Health , 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.
Data Element Concept:	Person—underlying cause of death
Value Domain:	Underlying cause of death code (ICD-10 2019 version) ANN-ANN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, 2019 version
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN-ANN
Maximum character length:	7

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Underlying cause of death is central to mortality coding and comparable international mortality reporting.
Comments:	The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) codes and classifies the underlying cause of death (UCOD) according to the rules and guidelines for mortality coding adopted by the World Health Assembly and set out in the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD). The ABS uses Iris to process and code cause-of-death information reported on death certificates.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	ABS 2008. Information Paper: Cause of death certification. Catalogue no. 1205.0.55.001. ABS, Canberra. Viewed 29 March 2023, https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 Fifth Edition) ANN-ANN Health , Qualified 03/08/2023
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