

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Underlying cause of death ICD-10 2019 version
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	UCOD code
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	778807
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Qualified 03/08/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	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 attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—underlying cause of death</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	307862
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/10/2008 <a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a> , Recorded 30/10/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	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.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Underlying cause of death</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Underlying cause of death code (ICD-10 2019 version) ANN-ANN</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	778796
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Qualified 03/08/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The ICD-10 code set representing the disease or injury which initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to death or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury.

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, 2019 version</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	ANN-ANN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	7

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Underlying cause of death is central to mortality coding and comparable international mortality reporting.
<b>Comments:</b>	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

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

## Relational attributes

Related metadata  
references:

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