Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-9) {A}NNN{.N}

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Underlying cause of death |
| Synonymous names: | UCOD code |
| METEOR identifier: | 783283 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 30/10/2023 |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/307862) |
| Value Domain: | [Underlying cause of death code (ICD-9) {A}NNN{.N}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/783281) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/783279) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | {A}NNN{.N} | |
| Maximum character length: | 5 | |

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

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-8) {A}NNN{.N}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774227)  [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 30/10/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [National mortality database DSS 1979](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/783285)  [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/24), Recorded 30/10/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/01/1979 ***Implementation end date:*** 31/12/1979 ***DSS specific information:***  The leading alphabetic character and numeric character following the decimal were not collected as part of this data set. |