

Variable Name	Variable Code	Variable Description	Format	Values	Years Collected
Activity Code	act1-4	Activity codes of episode of care	Character, length = 8	0 = While engaged in sports activity	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				1 = While engaged in leisure activity	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				1 = Sport	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				2 = Leisure	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				2 = While working for an income	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				3 = Working for income (inc travel)	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				3 = While engaged in other types of work	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				4 = Other type of work (inc housework)	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				4 = While resting/sleeping/eating etc	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				5 = Resting, sleeping, eating, other personal	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				6 = Being nursed or cared for	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				7 = Engaged in formal education	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				8 = Other specified	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999
				8 = While engaged in other specified activities	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				9 = During unspecified activity	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
9 = Unspecified	01/07/1998 - 30/06/1999				
				ICD - 10 Activity Codes U50 - U73	01/07/2000 - present
Additional Diagnoses	ediag1-20	Additional diagnoses of episode of care	Character, length = 8	ICD-8 (e.g. 503.9)	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1978
				ICD-9 (e.g. 802.0)	01/01/1979 - 31/12/1987
				ICD-9-CM (e.g. 802.0)	01/01/1988 - 30/06/1995
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v1)	July 1995 - June 1996
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v2)	July 1996 - June 1999
				ICD-10-AM 1st Ed (e.g. M17.1)	July 1999 - June 2000
				ICD-10-AM 2nd Ed	July 2000 - June 2002
				ICD-10-AM 3rd Ed	July 2002 - June 2004
				ICD-10-AM 4th Ed	July 2004 - June 2006
				ICD-10-AM 5th Ed	July 2006 - June 2008
				ICD-10-AM 6th Ed	July 2008 - June 2010
				ICD-10-AM 7th Ed	July 2010 - present
Additional Procedures	eop1-10	Additional procedures of episode of care	Character, length = 8	COSO (Code of Surgical Operations, 1968) e.g. 09.15 (915 in book), B4.63 (463 (b) in book)	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1978
				ICPM (International Classification of Procedures in Medicine, 1978) e.g. 81.08 (8-108 in book)	01/01/1979 - 31/12/1987
				ICD-9-CM - Procedure Codes e.g. 81.08	01/01/1988 - 30/06/1995
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v1)	01/07/1995 - 30/06/1996
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v2)	01/07/1996 - 30/06/1999
				ACHI 1st Ed	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				ACHI 2nd Ed	01/07/2000 - 30/06/2002
				ACHI 3rd Ed	01/07/2002 - 30/06/2004
				ACHI 4th Ed	01/07/2004 - 30/06/2006
				ACHI 5th Ed	01/07/2006 - 30/06/2008
				ACHI 6th Ed	01/07/2008 - 30/06/2010
				ACHI 7th Ed e.g. 36656-00	01/07/1999 - present

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Admission Date	adm	Date patient was admitted	Date 9.	DDMMYYYY e.g. 22JUN1985	01/01/1970 - present
Admission Age	age	Age in years on admission	Numeric Length = 3	Numeric (0 - XXX) e.g. 24	01/01/1970 - present
Admission Status	adm_stat	Type of admission	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Elective	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				2 = Emergency	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				3 = Elective - from waitlist	01/07/2000 - present
				4 = Elective - not from waitlist	01/07/2000 - present
				5 = Emergency	01/07/2000 - 30/06/2010
				6 = Emergency - Emergency Dept. Admission	01/07/2009 - present
				7 = Emergency - Direct Admission	01/07/2009 - present
Care type	care_type	Care type provided to the patient	Numeric Length = 3	0 = Palliation (designated program)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				1 = Acute	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				2 = Rehabilitation (principal clinical intent)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				3 = Palliation (principal clinical intent)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				4 = Non-acute	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				5 = Other	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				6 = Newborn	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				7 = Rehabilitation (designated unit)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				8 = Rehabilitation (designated program)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				9 = Palliation (designated unit)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2000
				21 = Acute Care	01/07/2000 - present
				22 = Rehabilitation Care	01/07/2000 - present
				23 = Palliation Care	01/07/2000 - present
				24 = Psychogeriatric Care	01/07/2000 - present
				25 = Maintenance Care	01/07/2000 - present
				26 = Newborn	01/07/2000 - present
				27 = Organ procurement	01/07/2000 - present
28 = Boarder	01/07/2000 - present				
29 = Geriatric Evaluation and Management	01/07/2001 - present				
30 = Aged Care	01/07/2004 - present				
31 = Flexible Care	01/07/2004 - present				
Co- diagnosis	dagger	Co-diagnosis of episode of care	Character, length = 8	ICD-8 (e.g. 503.9)	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1978
				ICD-9 (e.g. 802.0)	01/01/1979 - 31/12/1987
				ICD-9-CM (e.g. 802.0)	01/01/1988 - 30/06/1995
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v1)	July 1995 - June 1996
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v2)	July 1996 - June 1999
				ICD-10-AM 1st Ed (e.g. M17.1)	July 1999 - June 2000
				ICD-10-AM 2nd Ed	July 2000 - June 2002
				ICD-10-AM 3rd Ed	July 2002 - June 2004
				ICD-10-AM 4th Ed	July 2004 - June 2006
				ICD-10-AM 5th Ed	July 2006 - June 2008
				ICD-10-AM 6th Ed	July 2008 - June 2010
ICD-10-AM 7th Ed	July 2010 - present				
Country/State of Birth	cob	Place of birth of the patient	Numeric Length = 4	ASCCSS classification (Numeric)	1/01/1970 - 30/06/2002
				SACC classification (Numeric) e.g. 8205 = Colombia	1/07/2002 - present

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Days of Hospital in the Home	dayshith	Days of hospital in the home care	Numeric Length = 3	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/07/2002 - present
Days of Qualified Newborn Care	qualdays	Days of qualified newborn care	Numeric Length = 3	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/07/2000 - present
Date Of Birth	dob,	Date of birth of patient	Date 9.	DDMMYYYY e.g. 22JUN1985	01/01/1970 - present
Subset DOB	subdob,			MMYYYYY e.g. JUN1985	
Subset DOB	yob			YYYYY e.g. 1985	
Days of Psychiatric Care	dopsyc	Days of psychiatric care	Numeric Length = 4	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/07/1999 - present
Diagnosis Related Group	drg, drg_prev, drg_ver, drg_ver_p rev	Diagnosis Related Group for case	Character, length = 4	Character e.g. 'J67A'	
External Cause of Injury	ecode1-4	External causes of episode of care	Character, length = 8	ICD - 8 External Cause Codes e.g. E820.7	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1978
				ICD - 9 External Cause Codes e.g. E928.9	01/01/1979 - 31/12/1987
				ICD9 - CM External Cause Codes e.g. E928.9	01/01/1988 - 30/06/1999
				ICD - 10 External Cause Codes e.g. Y49.5	01/07/1999 - present
Employment Status	empstat	Employment status of patient on admission	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Child not at school	01/07/1998 - present
				2 = Student	
				3 = Employed	
				4 = Unemployed	
				5 = Home duties	
				6 = Retired	
				7 = Pensioner	
				8 = Other	
Sex	sex	Sex of patient	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Male	01/01/1970 - present
				2 = Female	01/01/1970 - present
				3 = Indeterminate	01/07/1997 - present
				4 = Other (transsexual)	01/07/1995 - 30/06/2000
Hospital Number	hosp	Establishment code	Numeric Length = 4	Numeric e.g. 0102	01/01/1970 - present
Hospital Category	hosp_cat	Category of the hospital	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Teaching	01/01/1970 - present
				2 = Non Teaching	01/01/1970 - present
				3 = Regional	01/01/1970 - present
				4 = District	01/01/1970 - present
				5 = Psychiatric	01/07/1973 - 30/06/2003
				6 = Nursing Home	01/01/1970 - 30/06/1986
				10 = Day Surgery	01/07/1987 - present
				11 = Nursing Post	01/01/1970 - 30/06/1980
				13 = Acute Psychiatric	01/07/2003 - present
				20 = Acute Hospital	01/07/1977 - present
				22 = Day Surgery (23/24 Hour Licence)	01/07/1986 - present
Hospital Region	hosp_reg	Health region of the hospital	Numeric Length = 3	1 = North Metropolitan	N/A
				2 = East Metropolitan	N/A
				3 = South Metropolitan	N/A

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				4 = Kimberly	N/A
				5 = Pilbara	N/A
				6 = Midwest	N/A
				7 = Central	N/A
				8 = Goldfields	N/A
				9 = Great Southern	N/A
				10 = South West	N/A
				11 = Unplaced	N/A
				12 = All Establishments	N/A
				13 = All Providing Establishments	N/A
Hours CVS	hrs_cvs	Hours of continuous ventilatory support	Numeric Length = 4	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/01/1970 - present
Days in ICU	icu	Days in intensive care unit	Numeric Length = 4	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/07/1993 - present
Indigenous Status	indstat	Indigenous status of patient	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Aboriginal not TSI	01/07/1998 - present
				2 = TSI but not Aboriginal	01/07/1998 - present
				3 = Aboriginal and TSI origin	01/01/1970 - present
				4 = Not aboriginal or TSI origin	01/01/1970 - present
Infant Weight/Neonate	wght	Weight of neonate	Numeric Length = 4	Number (xxx - xxxx) grams	01/07/1993 - present
Insurance Status	insstat	Private health insurance status	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Insured	01/07/1998 - present
				2 = No Insurance	
Interpreter Service	interp	Interpreter service required	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Yes - Required	01/07/1995 - present
				2 = No - Not required	
Language	languag	Language of patient on admission	Numeric Length = 4	NHDD version 6 (Numeric)	1/07/2000 - 30/06/2002
				NHDD version 7 (Numeric)	1/07/2002 - 30/06/2006
				ASCL 1st Ed (Numeric) e.g. 2101 = French	1/07/2006 - present
Length of Stay	los	Length of stay minus days on leave	Numeric Length = 4	Numeric (1 - XXXX) e.g. 3	01/01/1970 - present
Local Government Area	lga	Local Government Area	Character, length = 5	Empty Variable	N/A
LP number	lpnum	Linkage Project Number of case	Character, length = 15	Character e.g. '03170020786E'	01/01/1970 - present
Number of Leave Periods	lve_pers	Number of leave periods	Numeric, length = 3	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/07/2000 - present
Marital Status	marstat	Marital status of patient on admission	Numeric length = 3	1 = Never married	01/01/1970 - present
				2 = Widowed	
				3 = Divorced	
				4 = Separated	
				5 = Married (including de facto)	
				6 = Not Stated	
Mental Health Legal Status	mhlstat	Mental health legal status of patient	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Involuntary	01/07/1999 - present
				2 = Voluntary	
Mode of Separation	mos	Method of patient discharge	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Discharge/transfer to an (other) acute hospital	01/01/1970 - present
				2 = Transfer to Residential Aged Care Service	01/07/2003 - present

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				2 = Discharge/transfer to a nursing home	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				3 = Transfer to psychiatric hospital	01/07/2003 - present
				3 = Discharge/transfer to an (other) psychiatric hospital	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				4 = Transfer to other health care accommodation	01/07/2003 - present
				4 = Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation (includes mothercraft hospitals)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				5 = Statistical discharge - type change	01/01/1970 - present
				6 = Left against medical advice	01/01/1970 - present
				7 = Other (historical code)	01/07/1994 - 30/06/1995
				7 = Statistical discharge from leave	01/07/1995 - present
				8 = Deceased	01/01/1970 - present
				9 = Other (inc. discharge to usual residence/own accommodation/welfare institutions)	01/01/1970 - present
Client Status	pattyp	Type of Patient	Numeric Length = 3	0 = Funding Hospital	01/07/2000 - present
				1 = Qualified Newborn	01/07/1995 - present
				1 = Acute (Historical code)	01/01/1970 - 30/06/1995
				2 = Unqualified Newborn	01/07/1995 - present
				3 = Boarder	01/07/1991 - present
				4 = Nursing Home Type	01/07/1995 - present
				5 = Contracted Services	01/07/1997 - present
				6 = Admitted Client	01/07/1991 - present
				7 = Organ Procurement	01/07/2000 - present
				8 = Resident	01/07/2005 - present
Funding Source for Patient	fund_src	Funding source for patient	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Public	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				2 = Private uninsured	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				3 = Private insured	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				4 = WCA	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				5 = MVIT	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				6 = Undefined historical code	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1981
				6 = Defence force personnel	01/07/1993 - 30/06/2003
				6 = Other (historical code)	01/01/1982 - 30/06/1993
				7 = Ineligible	01/07/1993 - 30/06/2003
				7 = Undefined historical code	01/01/1989 - 30/06/1993
				8 = DVA	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				9 = Other	01/01/1970 - 30/06/2003
				21 = Australian Health Care Agreements	01/07/2003 - present
				22 = Private Health Insurance	01/07/2003 - present
				23 = Self Funded	01/07/2003 - present
				24 = Workers Compensation	01/07/2003 - present
				25 = Motor Vehicle Third Party Personal Claim	01/07/2003 - present
				26 = Other Compensation	01/07/2003 - present
				27 = Department of Veterans Affairs	01/07/2003 - present
				28 = Department of Defence	01/07/2003 - present
				29 = Correctional Facility	01/07/2003 - present
				30 = Reciprocal Health Care Agreements	01/07/2003 - present

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				31 = Ineligible	01/07/2003 - present
				32 = Other	01/07/2003 - present
				33 = Ambulatory Care	01/07/2005 - present
				34 = Detainee	01/07/2011 - present
Postcode	pcode	Postcode of residence	Numeric Length = 3	Numeric (XXXX) e.g. 6026	01/01/1970 - present
Place of Occurrence	poc1-4	Place of occurrence of episode of care	Character, length = 8	0 = Home	01/07/1980 - 30/06/2000
				1 = Farm	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				1 = Residential institution	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				2 = Mine and quarry	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				2 = School/institution/public admin area	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				3 = Industrial place & premises	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				3 = Sports and athletics area	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				4 = Street and highway	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				4 = Place of recreation or sport	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				5 = Street and highway	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				5 = Trade and service area	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				6 = Public building	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				6 = Industrial and construction area	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				7 = Residential institutions	01/07/1980 - 30/06/1999
				7 = Farm	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				8 = Other specified place	01/07/1980 - 30/06/2000
				9 = Unspecified place	01/07/1980 - 30/06/2000
				ICD - 10 Activity Codes Y92	01/07/2000 - present
Principal Diagnosis	diagnosis	Principal diagnosis of episode of care	Character, length = 8	ICD-8 (e.g. 503.9)	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1978
				ICD-9 (e.g. 802.0)	01/01/1979 - 31/12/1987
				ICD-9-CM (e.g. 802.0)	01/01/1988 - 30/06/1995
				ICD-9-CM (Aust v1)	July 1995 - June 1996
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Principal Procedure	opn	Principal procedure of episode of care	Character, length = 8	COSO (Code of Surgical Operations, 1968) e.g. 09.15 (915 in book), B4.63 (463 (b) in book)	01/01/1970 - 31/12/1978
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				ICD-9-CM - Procedure Codes e.g. 81.08	01/01/1988 - 30/06/1995
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				ICD-9-CM (Aust v2)	01/07/1996 - 30/06/1999
				ACHI 1st Ed	01/07/1999 - 30/06/2000
				ACHI 2nd Ed	01/07/2000 - 30/06/2002
				ACHI 3rd Ed	01/07/2002 - 30/06/2004

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				ACHI 4th Ed	01/07/2004 - 30/06/2006
				ACHI 5th Ed	01/07/2006 - 30/06/2008
				ACHI 6th Ed	01/07/2008 - 30/06/2010
				ACHI 7th Ed e.g. 36656-00	01/07/2010 - present
Record Type	rectype	Type of record	Character, length = 1.	All cases are 'I' for inpatients	01/01/1970 - present
Root LP Number	rootnum	Unique Linkage Project patient identifier	Character, length = 15	Character e.g. 03170020786E	01/01/1970 - present
Separation Date	sep	Date patient was discharged	Date9.	DDMMYYYY e.g. 22JUN1985	01/01/1970 - present
Source of Referral	sor	Location of the patient before admission	Numeric Length = 3	0 = Other/Unknown	01/07/1991 - 30/06/2000
				1 = Private Medical Practice	
				2 = Nursing Home	
				3 = Community Health Service	
				4 = Interhospital Transfer	
				5 = Outpatients Department	
				6 = Emergency Department	
				7 = Waiting List	
				8 = Psychiatric Facility	
9 = Statistical Admission, Type Changed					
Source of Referral -Location	sor_loc	Location of the patient before admission	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Home	01/07/2000 - present
				2 = Nursing Home	01/07/2000 - 30/06/2003
				2 = Residential Aged Care Facility	01/07/2003 - present
				3 = Hostel	01/07/2000 - 30/06/2003
				3 = Other Health Care Accommodation	01/07/2003 - present
				4 = Hospital	01/07/2000 - 30/06/2003
				4 = Acute Hospital	01/07/2003 - present
				5 = Psychiatric Hospital	01/07/2003 - present
				6 = Prison	01/07/2000 - present
7 = Other	01/07/2000 - present				
Source of Referral - Professional	sor_prof	Type of professional that referred the patient	Numeric Length = 3	1 = General Practitioner	01/07/2000 - present
				2 = Specialist Clinician	
				3 = Outpatient Department Clinician	
				4 = Emergency Department Clinician	
				5 = Hospital Clinician (Re-admission)	
				6 = Community Health Clinician	
				7 = Statistical admission/type change	
				8 = Other	
Source of Referral - Transport	sor_tran	Mode of transport to the hospital	Numeric Length = 3	1 = Private/Public Transport	01/07/2000 - present
				2 = Ambulance - patient transport	
				3 = Ambulance - emergency	
				4 = Royal Flying Doctor Service	
				5 = Helicopter	
				6 = Other	
State/Territory of	state	State/Territory of	Numeric	0 = Overseas/NFPA	01/01/1970 - present

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Residence		Residence	Length = 3	1 = NSW	
				2 = VIC	
				3 = QLD	
				4 = SA	
				5 = WA	
				6 = TAS	
				7 = NT	
				8 = ACT	
				9 = Other Territories (Cocos, Christmas etc)	
Suburb	subrb	Suburb of residence	Character, length = 30	Character e.g. Kingsley or Italy	01/01/1970 - present
Total Leave Days	dolve	Days on leave from the hospital	Numeric Length = 4	Numeric (x - xxx) e.g. 5	01/07/1993 - present
Ward/Location	ward	Ward code on discharge	Character, length = 20	Character e.g. 'SDU'	01/07/1989 - present
Record Sent to MHIS	rec_sent_mhis	Indicator for inpatient record in MHIS	Numeric Length = 1	1 = Record is in MHIS 2 = Record is not in MHIS	n/a - Derived field