

Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020/2021: Sequencing of Z51.5 Palliative care

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The sequencing of ICD-10-AM diagnosis code Z51.5 *Palliative care* is important in being able to understand the context of other diagnosis codes assigned and clinical picture for an episode of care.

From 1 July 2020, Z51.5 *Palliative care* must be sequenced directly after the condition(s) it relates to.

Assignment of the Condition onset flag (COF) is also important and needs to reflect what occurred during the episode of care.

Example 1

Patient is admitted palliatively for adenocarcinoma of the bowel. During the episode of care, the patient is treated for dehydration (present on admission), nausea (arising during the episode of care). The patient also has a documented history in the clinical record of hypertension.

PD	C18.9	<i>Malignant neoplasm of colon, unspecified part</i>	COF=1
M	M8140/3	<i>Adenocarcinoma NOS</i>	COF=1
OD	Z51.5	<i>Palliative care</i>	COF=1
OD	E86	<i>Volume depletion</i>	COF=1
OD	R11	<i>Nausea and vomiting</i>	COF=2
OD	U82.3	<i>Hypertension</i>	COF=1

Example 2

Patient is admitted for acute treatment of cellulitis of lower leg. The patient is also receiving palliative care treatment for end stage lung adenocarcinoma.

PD	L03.13	<i>Cellulitis of lower limb</i>	COF=1
OD	C34.9	<i>Malignant neoplasm of bronchus or lung, unspecified</i>	COF=1
M	M8140/3	<i>Adenocarcinoma NOS</i>	COF=1
OD	Z51.5	<i>Palliative care</i>	COF=1

Example 3

Patient is admitted after an acute transmural myocardial infarction of anterior wall which is actively treated. During the episode of care, the patient has a severe cerebrovascular accident and the patient's primary intent of care becomes palliative.

PD	I21.0	<i>Acute transmural myocardial infarction of anterior wall</i>	COF=1
OD	I63.9	<i>Cerebral infarction, unspecified</i>	COF=2
OD	Z51.5	<i>Palliative care</i>	COF=2

Related Australian Coding Standards (ACS)

- ACS 2116 *Palliative care*