

# Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020/2021 Condition onset flag changes

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The Condition onset flag (COF) is a data item that indicates the presence of a condition (diagnosis) on admission to an episode of admitted patient care. It is a means of differentiating those conditions which arise during, from those arising before, an admitted patient episode of care and may inform prevention strategies particularly in relation to complications of medical care.

The COF has been collected in Queensland for all separations from 1 July 2006 and is now assigned for all diagnosis codes i.e. principal diagnosis, other diagnoses, external cause and morphology codes. Three values were implemented:

- 1 *Condition present on admission to the episode of patient care*
- 2 *Condition arose during the episode of patient care*
- 9 *Condition onset unknown/uncertain on admission to the episode of patient care.*

**From 1 July 2020, the COF value 9 *Condition onset unknown/uncertain on admission to the episode of care* will be end-dated in order to more closely align with national standards.**

A data validation will trigger for any ICD-10-AM diagnosis code that has a COF value of 9 *Condition onset unknown/uncertain on admission to the episode of patient care* for all episodes of care with a separation date on/after 1 July 2020.

When it is difficult to decide if a condition was present at the beginning of the episode of care or if it arose during the episode, follow Australian Coding Standard 0048 *Condition onset flag*, which notes that COF 1 *Condition present on admission to the episode of patient care* should be assigned.

## Related Australian Coding Standards (ACS)

- ACS 0048 *Condition onset flag*