ACT Admitted Patient Care (APC)

# Dataset Information

| **Aspect** |  | **Comment** |
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| Dataset Description |  | The ACT Admitted Patient Care (APC) data records all inpatient separations (discharges, transfers and deaths) from all public hospitals in ACT.    Public hospital APC data are recorded in terms of episodes of care (EOC). An episode of care ends with the patient ending a period of stay in hospital (e.g. by discharge, transfer or death) or by becoming a different “type” of patient within the same period of stay. APC data are based on the date of separation (discharge) from hospital.    Data is only available for linkage from the 2004/05 financial year. Linked data are available from all public hospitals in the ACT. Private hospital data is not available for linkage. |
| Links & Resources | SACC Country of birth codes | https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/standard-australian-classification-countries-sacc/latest-release |
| Statistical Area Level 2 codes | https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/australian-statistical-geography-standard-asgs-edition-3/jul2021-jun2026/main-structure-and-greater-capital-city-statistical-areas/statistical-area-level-2 |
| SSLA codes | https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/DEDA554E1B6BB78BCA25791F000EEA26 |

# Variable Information

## Category: Demography

|  | **Column** | **Column Description** | **Datatype** | **Code** | **Code Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ◆ | ATSIStatus | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status | INT | 1 | Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin |
| 2 | Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin |
| 3 | Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin |
| 4 | Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin |
| 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |
|  | AgeDays | Age in days where age in years is 0 | INT |  |  |
|  | AgeYears | Age at admission in years | INT |  |  |
|  | CountryOfBirth | Country of birth (SACC) | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | CountryOfBirthOld | Country of birth (old coding) | INT |  |  |
| ▲ | DateOfBirth | Date of birth | DATE |  |  |
| ◆ | IndigStatus | Indigenous status | INT | 1 | Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander |
| 2 | Other |
| 3 | Not stated |
|  | InsuranceStatus | Insurance status | INT | 1 | hospital insurance |
| 2 | no hospital insurance |
| 9 | unknown |
|  | MaritalStatus | Marital Status - MeTEOR definition | INT | 1 | Never married |
| 2 | Widowed |
| 3 | Divorced |
| 4 | Separated |
| 5 | Married (registered and de facto) |
| 6 | Not stated/inadequately described |
|  | MedicareStatus | Medicare status | INT | 1 | eligible |
| 2 | not eligible |
| 9 | not stated/unknown |
|  | MentalHealthLegalStatus | Mental health legal status | INT | 1 | involuntary patient |
| 2 | voluntary patient |
| 9 | Not reported/unknown |
|  | Sex | Sex | INT | 1 | Male |
| 2 | Female |
| 3 | Other |
| 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |
|  | UsualAccommodation | Usual accommodation | INT | 1 | Private residence |
| 2 | Psychiatric hospital |
| 3 | Residential aged care service |
| 4 | Specialised alcohol/other drug treatment residence |
| 5 | Specialised mental health community-based residential support service |
| 6 | Domestic-scale supported living facility |
| 7 | Boarding/rooming house/hostel or hostel type accommodation |
| 8 | Homeless persons' shelter |
| 9 | Shelter/refuge (not including homeless persons' shelter) |
| 10 | Other supported accommodation |
| 11 | Prison/remand centre/youth training centre |
| 12 | Public place (homeless) |
| 13 | Other accommodation, not elsewhere classified |
| 14 | Unknown/unable to determine |
| ▲ | Degree of granularity subject to disclosure risk assessment | | | | |
| ◆ | Availability may be subject to AHMRC approval | | | | |

## Category: Dates & times (events)

|  | **Column** | **Column Description** | **Datatype** | **Code** | **Code Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | AdmissionDate | Admission date | DATE |  |  |
| ▲ | AdmissionDateTime | Admission datetime | DATETIME |  |  |
|  | CalendarYear | Calendar year | INT |  |  |
|  | FinancialYearInt | Financial year | INT |  |  |
|  | IntendedLengthOfStay | Intended length of stay | INT | 1 | Intended same-day |
| 2 | Intended overnight |
|  | LeaveDays | Leave days | INT |  |  |
|  | LengthofStayDays | Length of stay in days | INT |  |  |
|  | MechVentHours | Mechanical ventilation hours | INT |  |  |
|  | NewbornQualifiedDays | Newborn qualified days | INT |  |  |
|  | PsychiatricCareDays | Psychiatric care days | INT |  |  |
|  | SeparationDate | Separation date | DATE |  |  |
| ▲ | SeparationDateTime | Separation datetime | DATETIME |  |  |
| ▲ | Degree of granularity subject to disclosure risk assessment | | | | |

## Category: Presentation details

|  | **Column** | **Column Description** | **Datatype** | **Code** | **Code Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | AdmissionModeMeteorValue | Admission mode - national code | INT | 1 | admitted patient transferred from another hospital |
| 2 | statistical admission û episode type change |
| 3 | other |
| 9 | Not stated |
|  | AdmissionUrgency | Admission urgency | INT | 1 | urgency status assigned - emergency |
| 2 | urgency status assigned - elective |
| 3 | urgency status not assigned |
| 9 | not known/not reported |
|  | BabyWeight | Weight of Baby on Admission | INT |  |  |
|  | CareType | Care type | INT | 1 | Acute care |
| 2 | Rehabilitation care |
| 3 | Palliative care |
| 4 | Geriatric evaluation and management |
| 5 | Psychogeriatric care |
| 6 | Maintenance care |
| 7 | Newborn care |
| 9 | Organ procurementùposthumous |
| 10 | Hospital boarder |
| 11 | Mental health care |
| 88 | Other admitted patient care |
| 99 | Not reported/unknown |
| ◼ | ContractedEstablishmentID | Establishment or hospital (contracted) | INT | 44 | Marie Stopes International |
| 45 | Canberra Imaging |
| 46 | ICON Cancer Canberra |
| 50 | Queanbeyan Hospital |
| 81 | North Canberra Hospital |
| 82 | Canberra Hospital and Health Services |
| 83 | Calvary Health Care ACT |
| 84 | Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre |
| 85 | Calvary John James Memorial Hospital |
| 86 | Calvary Private Hospital |
| 87 | University of Canberra Hospital |
| 88 | National Capital Private Hospital |
| 89 | Canberra Private Hospital |
| 90 | Canberra Eye Hospital |
| 91 | Brindabella Endoscopy Centre |
| 92 | Mugga Warra |
| 93 | Lidia Perin Memorial Hospital |
| 94 | Corinna Eye Chambers |
| 95 | Canberra Surgicentre |
| 96 | Barton Private Hospital |
| 97 | Canberra Micsosurgery |
|  | ContractedPatientStatus | Contracted patient status | INT | 1 | Inter-hospital contracted patient from public sector hospital (destination) |
| 2 | Inter-hospital contracted patient from private sector hospital (destination) |
| 3 | Inter-hospital contracted patient to public sector hospital (originating) |
| 4 | Inter-hospital contracted patient to private sector hospital (originating) |
| 5 | Not inter-hospital contracted |
| 9 | Not specified |
|  | ElectionStatus | Patient election status | INT | 1 | Public |
| 2 | Private |
| 9 | Not specified |
| ◼ | EstablishmentID | Establishment or hospital (purchasing) | INT | 44 | Marie Stopes International |
| 45 | Canberra Imaging |
| 46 | ICON Cancer Canberra |
| 50 | Queanbeyan Hospital |
| 81 | North Canberra Hospital |
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|  | FundingSource | Funding source | INT | 1 | Health service budget (not covered elsewhere) |
| 2 | Health service budget (due to eligibility for Reciprocal Health Care Agreement) |
| 3 | Health service budget (no charge raised due to hospital decision) |
| 4 | Department of Veterans' Affairs |
| 5 | Department of Defence |
| 6 | Correctional facility |
| 7 | Medicare Benefits Scheme |
| 8 | Other hospital or public authority (contracted care) |
| 9 | Private health insurance |
| 10 | Worker's compensation |
| 11 | Motor vehicle third party personal claim |
| 12 | Other compensation (e.g. public liability, common law, medical negligence) |
| 13 | Self-funded |
| 88 | Other funding source |
| 98 | Not known |
|  | FundingSourceOld | Funding source (old coding of charge class) | INT | 1 | Public Patients |
| 2 | Private Patients |
| 3 | DVA |
| 4 | Compensables |
| 5 | Newborns |
| 6 | Ineligibles |
| 9 | Others/unknown |
|  | HITHDays | Hospital in the Home days | INT |  |  |
| ◼ | HospitalID | Establishment or hospital (service delivery) | INT | 44 | Marie Stopes International |
| 45 | Canberra Imaging |
| 46 | ICON Cancer Canberra |
| 50 | Queanbeyan Hospital |
| 81 | North Canberra Hospital |
| 82 | Canberra Hospital and Health Services |
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|  | ICULengthOfStay | ICU length of stay in hours | INT |  |  |
|  | ImpairmentType | Primary impairment type | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | PreviousSpecialisedTreatment | Previous specialised treatment | INT | 1 | no previous admission(s) or service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided |
| 2 | previous admission(s) but no service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided |
| 3 | previous service contact(s) but no admission(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided |
| 4 | both previous admission(s) and service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided |
| 5 | Unknown/not stated |
|  | SameDayFlag | Same day flag | INT | 0 | Admitted/discharged different days |
| 1 | Admitted/discharged same day |
|  | SeparationModeMeteor2000 | Separation mode - national code from 2000-01 | INT | 0 | Not reported/unknown |
| 1 | discharge/transfer to an(other) acute hospital |
| 2 | discharge/transfer to a residential aged care service, unless this is a usual place of residence. |
| 3 | discharge/transfer to an(other) psychiatric hospital |
| 4 | discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation (includes mothercraft hospitals) |
| 5 | statistical discharge - type change |
| 6 | left against medical advice/discharge at own risk |
| 7 | Statistical discharge from leave (imputed from 2020 specs) |
| 8 | died |
| 9 | other (includes discharge to usual residence/own accommodation/welfare institution (includes prisons, hostels and group homes providing primarily welfare services)) |
|  | SeparationModeMeteor2020 | Separation mode - national code from 2020-21 | INT | 10 | Discharge/transfer to (an)other acute hospital |
| 21 | Discharge/transfer to a residential aged care service, which is not the usual place of residence |
| 22 | Discharge/transfer to a residential aged care service, which is the usual place of residence |
| 30 | Discharge/transfer to (an)other psychiatric hospital |
| 40 | Discharge/transfer to other health care accommodation (includes mothercraft hospitals) |
| 50 | Statistical discharge - type change |
| 60 | Left against medical advice/discharge at own risk |
| 70 | Statistical discharge from leave |
| 80 | Died |
| 90 | Other (includes discharge to usual residence (excl residential aged care) own accommodation/welfare institution) |
| ◼ | Availability subject to supporting hypothesis | | | | |

## Category: Event summaries

|  | **Column** | **Column Description** | **Datatype** | **Code** | **Code Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | CostWeight | Costweights applied to DRG60x according to Public Round 14 | FLOAT |  |  |
|  | DRG | Diagnosis related groups | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | DRGandMDCVersion | Version of Diagnosis related group and Major diagnostic category | INT |  |  |
|  | ECRAW | ECRAW value | FLOAT |  |  |
|  | ECRAWandECRNDVersion | Version of National and Gross Weighted Activty Unit measure | INT |  |  |
|  | ECRND | ECRND value | FLOAT |  |  |
|  | GWAU | Gross Weighted Activty Unit measure | FLOAT |  |  |
|  | MDC | Major diagnostic category | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | NWAU | National Weighted Activty Unit measure | FLOAT |  |  |
|  | NWAUandGWAUVersion | Version of National and Gross Weighted Activty Unit measure | INT |  |  |
|  | SNAP | SNAP code | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | SNAPVersion | SNAP version | INT |  |  |

## Category: Diagnoses/Procedures

|  | **Column** | **Column Description** | **Datatype** | **Code** | **Code Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Diagnosis1 | Primary Diagnosis | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | Diagnosis2-100 | Secondary diagnoses | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | ICD10AMEdition | ICD-10-AM Edition for Diagnosis and Procedures | INT |  |  |
|  | ICDVersion | ICD Version | INT |  |  |
|  | OnsetArray | Condition onset flags for diagnoses | VARCHAR |  |  |
|  | Procedure1-50 | Procedure 1-50 | VARCHAR |  |  |

## Category: Geography

|  | **Column** | **Column Description** | **Datatype** | **Code** | **Code Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ▲ | SA2Code | SA2Code of residence | INT |  |  |
| ▲ | SSLA | State and Statistical Local Area (NLi 2010 Code) | INT |  |  |
|  | UResState | State of residence | INT | 0 | Overseas or not stated |
| 1 | New South Wales |
| 2 | Victoria |
| 3 | Queensland |
| 4 | South Australia |
| 5 | Western Australia |
| 6 | Tasmania |
| 7 | Northern Territory |
| 8 | Australian Capital Territory |
| 9 | Other Territories |
| ▲ | Degree of granularity subject to disclosure risk assessment | | | | |

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# Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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