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Indicator: Weight Loss or Malnutrition-related Hospitalisation

Data Sources	Definition	Numerator	Denominator	Comments	Covariates
SA APC, SA NAEC, NSW APDC, NSW EDDC, VAED, VEMD, QLD EDC, QHAPDC.	Proportion of home care recipients who had an emergency department presentation or hospitalisation, for or with weight loss or malnutrition (1,2).	Number of home care recipients who had an emergency department presentation or hospitalisation where malnutrition for or with weight loss or malnutrition (Table 1).	Number of home care recipients. Exclude those receiving pharmacological cancer treatment (Table 2).	SA datasets only capture public hospital encounters. This indicator will be outputted for SA alone vs NSW VIC and QLD combined.	Age, sex, number of health conditions.

SA APC: South Australian Admitted Patient Care; **SA NAEC:** South Australian Non-Admitted Emergency Care; **NSW APDC:** New South Wales Admitted Patient Data Collection; **NSW EDDC:** New South Wales Emergency Department Data Collection; **VAED:** Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset; **VEMD:** Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset; **QLD EDC:** Queensland Emergency Department Collection; **QHAPDC:** Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection.

Table 1. Weight Loss or Malnutrition, Descriptions and ICD-10-AM Codes.

Description	Codes
Unspecified severe protein-calorie malnutrition	E43
Moderate protein-calorie malnutrition	E44.0
Mild protein-calorie malnutrition	E44.1
Unspecified protein-calorie malnutrition	E46
Nutritional deficiency, unspecified	E63.9
Abnormal weight loss	R63.4
Underweight	R63.6
Cachexia, applicable to wasting syndrome	R64
Underweight: Body mass index 19.9 or less, adult	Z68.1

ICD-10-AM: International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification.

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Table 2. Pharmacological Cancer Treatment Descriptions and ATC Codes.

Description	Code
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents[1]	L01*

[1]Determined using six months of PBS prescription data prior to home care episode.
ATC: Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System. **PBS**: Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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