

Episodes of care

In the EuroDRG project, we built on the experience of the forerunner project [HealthBASKET](#) but widened the methodological approach to 'episodes of care' (EoCs), which are no longer standardizing patient characteristics but encompass all patients falling into the definition of the respective EoC. The EoCs are uniformly defined across countries through diagnosis and/or procedure codes and can be understood as 'meta-DRGs' which encompass varying numbers of actual DRGs within countries. EoCs were selected in order to represent different medical specialties (internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, etc.) as well as diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures (including the use of innovative technologies).

	Defined by	ICD 10 WHO	ICD 9-CM	Diagnosis	Exclude	Comments
Malignant growth						
Breast cancer	diagnosis AND procedure	C50, D05	85.20-85.23, 85.33-85.36, 85.4	main	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases), exclude males	
Cardiovascular diseases						
Acute myocardial infarction (AMI)	diagnosis	I21, I22	excl.: 36.1	main	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	Exclude bypass
Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)	procedure		36.1	all	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	
Cerebrovascular diseases						
Stroke	diagnosis	I61, I63, I64		main	age <1, outpatients and day cases	
Gastrointestinal diseases						
Inguinal hernia surgery	procedure AND diagnosis	K40	17.1, 17.2, 53.0, 53.1	main	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	17.1 and 17.2: laparoscopic hernia repair
Appendectomy	procedure AND diagnosis	K35-K38	47.0	main	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	
Cholecystectomy	procedure AND diagnosis	K80	51.2	main	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	Restrict definition to K80
Musculoskeletal disorders						
Hip-replacement	procedure		00.7, 00.85-00.87, 81.51 - 81.53	all	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	00.7 (revision of hip replacement) if applicable in countries' ICD-9-CM version
Knee-replacement	procedure		00.80-00.84, 81.54 - 81.55	all	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	00.8 (revision of knee replacement) if applicable in countries' ICD-9-CM version
Pregnancy and birth						
Childbirth	diagnosis OR procedure (see comment)	Z37	72, 73, 74	secondary	age <1, outpatients (but include day cases)	Each country uses definition that best matches coding habits in the country (Aim is to include all births).

[Acute myocardial infarction \(AMI\)](#), [Appendectomy](#), [Breast cancer surgery](#), [Childbirth](#), [Cholecystectomy](#), [Coronary artery bypass graft \(CABG\)](#), [Inguinal hernia surgery](#), [Hip replacement](#), [Knee replacement](#), [Stroke](#)

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