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ABSTRACT

Objectives To develop a minimum dataset to be routinely collected across a heterogenous population within a subacute rehabilitation service to guide best care and outcomes for patients, and value for the health service.

Design Three-round e-Delphi exercise, followed by consensus meetings.

Setting Multicentre study in Brisbane, Australia. Participants Rehabilitation decision-makers, researchers and clinicians were invited to participate in the e-Delphi exercise. A multidisciplinary project steering committee (rehabilitation decision makers, researchers, clinicians and consumers) participated in consensus meetings.

Methods In round 1 of the e-Delphi, participants responded to an open-ended question, generating data and outcomes that should be routinely collected in rehabilitation. In rounds 2 and 3, participants rated the importance of collecting each item on a nine-point scale. Consensus was defined a priori, as items rated as 'essential' by at least 70%, and of 'limited importance' by less than 15%, of respondents. Consensus meetings were held to further refine and define the dataset for implementation.

Results In total, 38 participants completed round 1 of the e-Delphi. Qualitative content analysis of their responses generated 1072 codes, which were condensed into 39 categories and 209 subcategories. Following two rounds of rating (round 2: n=32 participants; round 3: n=28 participants), consensus was reached for 124 items. Four consensus meetings (n=14 participants) resulted in the final dataset which included 42 items across six domains: (1) patient demographics, (2) premorbid health and psychosocial information, (3) admission information, (4) service delivery and interventions, (5) outcomes and (6) caregiver information and outcomes.

Conclusions We identified 42 items that reflect the values and experiences of rehabilitation stakeholders. Items unique to this dataset include caregiver information and outcomes, and detailed service delivery and intervention data. Future research will establish the feasibility of collection in practice.

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has been an increase in the prevalence of health conditions that result in severe disability, resulting in greater demand for rehabilitation services globally. 1-3

Strengths and limitations of this study

- A strength of this study was the inclusion of multiple stakeholder groups, producing a consensus-derived minimum dataset that accounts for the diverse perspectives and priorities across rehabilitation settings (as opposed to specific subdivisions, professions and conditions).
- Response rates decreased across Delphi rounds in the current study, but representation was maintained across all stakeholder groups, discipline backgrounds and clinical specialty.
- The sample was limited to universities and/or publicly funded rehabilitation services in Queensland, Australia, potentially limiting generalisability to international and/or private rehabilitation settings.
- The final dataset was refined by a multistakeholder steering committee with local implementation in mind, meaning that further refinement may be needed for implementation in other rehabilitation settings.

This demand is expected to continue to increase in a climate of higher survival rates, longer life expectancies and the increasing prevalence of chronic disease. 1-3 Rehabilitation is defined as a series of interventions required when everyday function is limited due to either ageing or a health condition, including chronic diseases or disorders, injuries or traumas.4 An estimated 74% of all years lived with disability are caused by health conditions for which rehabilitation may be beneficial. In view of a rising need for rehabilitation, WHO global disability action plan calls for efficient models of care that can strengthen and extend rehabilitation.⁵

A need to rethink rehabilitation has resulted in a shift towards value-based models of care, which account for consumer perspectives on high-quality outcomes⁶⁻⁹ and are defined by the ratio between these outcomes and their respective costs. 10 Core to achieving value-based care is the capture of data that extends beyond measures of cost



and efficiency, to measures of effectiveness, value and experience. 6 11 Data collection is vital for quality improvement, as it enables institutions to evaluate their existing practice, and to identify areas for ongoing improvement and innovation. 12 However, there is currently a wide variation in the data and outcomes collected in rehabilitation, and current data collection initiatives may not fully encompass the principles of patient-centred and valuebased care. Minimum datasets (MDS) within healthcare settings have been used to reduce such variation in data collection and have been defined as a coherent set of data elements which should be collected for specific categories or domains of healthcare. 13 Ultimately, the collection of MDSs via registries can facilitate standardised care and quality improvement in addition to enabling a means of data collection for research. 14 However, an MDS for rehabilitation which captures the principles of value-based care is yet to be defined.

While there are many datasets that collect condition-specific data and outcomes, ¹⁵ there are few that measure care, global outcomes and value-based indicators across a heterogeneous rehabilitation population. Such a dataset has the potential to evaluate outcomes of rehabilitative care, measure alignment with best evidence recommendations, identify opportunities for service improvement and research, and benchmark care over time and between rehabilitation services. ¹⁴ Therefore, the aim of this project was to develop an MDS, or a single, consolidated set of data items and core outcomes, for use in rehabilitation services to guide best care and outcomes for patients, and value for the health service.

METHODS Study design

A three-round e-Delphi exercise¹⁶ was employed in this study. The Delphi technique is widely used to gather opinion and generate consensus through multiple rounds of questionnaires.¹⁷ It is an iterative decision-making process where responses from each round are summarised and communicated back to participants to allow them to review their responses in reference to the median group response in the subsequent rounds.¹⁸ The initial round often begins with an exploratory openended question where responses generated in that round are then rated by participants in subsequent rounds.¹⁹ Consensus meetings were held with the project steering committee to further refine and define the data items and outcomes nominated in the e-Delphi in readiness for implementation.

Participants

An expert panel was established for the e-Delphi using purposive sampling. The following participant groups were eligible to participate: clinicians currently working in an inpatient or community-based rehabilitation service (specialists, doctors, nurses and allied health); researchers currently undertaking clinical or health services research

in an area related to inpatient, outpatient or communitybased rehabilitation services; decision-makers who have a current management role in a rehabilitation service. Participants could identify as more than one of these participant groups (eg, clinician-researchers).

In Delphi studies, it is recommended that explicit criteria are used to select an expert panel that has knowledge about the subject being investigated.²⁰ Participants were selected to achieve maximum variation in health discipline, rehabilitation setting, and clinical specialty. While there is no agreed minimum sample size that ensures the reliability of Delphi studies, ¹⁶ previous research has found that reliable Delphi outcomes can be obtained with small expert panels that are selected using strict inclusion criteria.²¹

A project steering committee was convened to oversee local implementation of the rehabilitation dataset. This committee included consumers (n=3; past rehabilitation client, caregiver, consumer advocate) and rehabilitation clinicians (n=5), managers (n=2) and researchers (n=4) working at the new specialist treatment and rehabilitation service, which is a 100-bed general and specialist rehabilitation service in Brisbane, Australia. The steering committee included representatives from nursing, allied health and medicine, as well as inpatient, outpatient and community-based rehabilitation settings.

Recruitment

Expressions of interest were sought from participants, with information disseminated via existing local rehabilitation-relevant health service and university email lists. All potential participants who expressed interest in participating were screened for eligibility. The final participant panel was purposively sampled to achieve maximum variation in the following variables: stakeholder group, health discipline, rehabilitation setting and clinical specialty.

Data collection and analysis

The questionnaires were administered using the online survey platform Qualtrics. All three rounds of the e-Delphi were piloted by the project team prior to survey deployment; minor changes were made such as formatting, restructuring of questions, and addition of question prompts. A link to each questionnaire was distributed to each participant via email. Data collection occurred between July and October 2020.

Round 1

Participants responded to an open-ended question: 'What data should be routinely collected for all rehabilitation patients in order to describe care and outcomes?' Open-ended questions are recommended to reduce the risk of bias through guiding or directing participant response.²² Participants were prompted to consider the following domains: provider demographics, patient and caregiver information, service delivery and outcomes (online supplemental file 1). Responses were analysed using qualitative content analysis,²³ a method frequently used



in Delphi studies to analyse open-ended responses.²⁴ ²⁵ All participant responses were coded and allocated into categories within each of the four domains. To ensure consistency of data interpretation and coding, the coding generated by the primary coder (HC) was reviewed by additional authors (SJW and AMY).

Round 2

Items from round 1 were combined with additional data from a scoping review of rehabilitation datasets²⁶ and multistakeholder focus groups defining successful rehabilitation (Wallace et al, What is 'successful rehabilitation'? A multistakeholder nominal group technique study to inform rehabilitation outcome measurement; in preparation), and randomly presented to participants in round 2 to prevent an order effect. Participants were asked to rate the importance of routinely collecting each item using a modified version of the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation rating scale, whereby 1-3 indicates 'limited importance', 4-6 is 'important but not essential' and 7–9 is 'essential'. ²⁷ The number and percentage of respondents rating the importance of items as 'limited', 'important but not essential' and 'essential' were calculated for each item.

Round 3

Items rated as 'essential' by at least 50% of participants in round 2 were randomly presented to participants in Round 3, alongside the median rating. Participants were asked to consider their ratings in reference to the wider group. Rotteria for final consensus was defined a priori as a rating of 7–9 by at least 70% of the respondents and 1–3 by less than 15% of the respondents. An overview of the e-Delphi exercise and participant response and attrition rates is presented in figure 1.

Consensus meetings

The steering committee convened for four meetings between December 2020 and June 2021. The committee agreed on guiding principles for inclusion of data items in the final dataset (ie, feasible and acceptable, patient and family-centred, interprofessional, considers the continuum of care, goal oriented and meaningful). Guiding principles were drawn from a related qualitative study which explored stakeholder perspectives of 'successful rehabilitation' (Wallace et al, in preparation). The first meeting involved reviewing the final list of items from the e-Delphi, and systematically including or removing items, as informed by these guiding principles. Prior to each subsequent meeting, members received an options paper drafted by the research team (AMY and AC) outlining proposed options for the definition, source, codeset values and/or measurement instrument for each data items. Online surveys using Microsoft Forms and individual meetings with subject matter experts were used to obtain feedback from members between meetings to inform the development of these options papers.

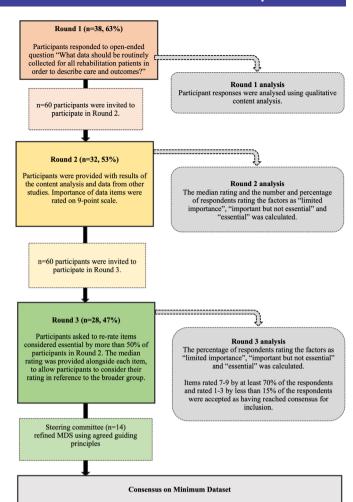


Figure 1 Summary of e-Delphi process.

During meetings, each data item was discussed in turn until group consensus was achieved.

Patient and public involvement

Consumer representatives were consulted on the study design from conception, and involved in reviewing and selecting the final dataset items as part of the steering committee.

RESULTS e-Delphi round 1

A total of 45 participants commenced the survey, with 38 completing at least one question in round 1 (table 1). All participants worked within a Queensland university and/or publicly funded rehabilitation service located in south-east Queensland. Participants who did not attempt at least one question were removed from the dataset. Of the 20 participants who identified as clinicians, 13 worked in a hospital inpatient rehabilitation setting, 5 worked in community rehabilitation and 2 worked in a hospital acute setting. The healthcare decision makers represented within this survey (n=12) included directors and executive directors, managers and programme managers.

Table 1 e-Delphi participant demographics for round 1		
Variable		Round 1 (n=38)
Age, years	18–24 25–34	0 (0%) 5 (13.2%)
	35–44	13 (34.2%)
	45–54	12 (31.6%)
	55–64	8 (21.1%)
	65+	0 (0%)
Gender	Female	32 (84.2%)
	Male	5 (13.1%)
	Other	1 (2.6%)
Stakeholder group*	Clinician	20 (52.6%)
	Researcher	18 (47.4%)
	Decision-maker	12 (31.6%)
Discipline	Nursing	5 (12.5%)
background*	Occupational therapy	5 (12.5%)
	Physiotherapy	5 (12.5%)
	Medicine	4 (10%)
	Speech pathology	3 (7.5%)
	Psychology	3 (7.5%)
	Dietetics	3 (7.5%)
	Pharmacy	3 (7.5%)
	Audiology	3 (7.5%)
	Social work	2 (5%)
	Other†	4 (10%)
Area of specialty (clinicians and researchers)	Multiple clinical specialties	9 (15.5%)
researchers	Geriatrics	13 (22.4)
	Stroke	10 (17.2%)
	Acquired brain injury	7 (12.1%)
	Progressive neurological conditions	7 (12.1%)
	Spinal cord injury	2 (3.4%)
	Other‡	10 (17.2%)
Years of experience	1–3	2 (10%)
(clinicians)	3–5	1 (5%)
0	5+	17 (85%)
Career stage (researchers)	Predoctoral	7 (38.9%)
(researchers)	Postdoctoral: Early-mid career researcher (≤15 years post-PhD)	7 (39.9%)
	Postdoctoral: Experienced researcher (>16 years post-PhD)	4 (22.2%)
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Variable		Round 1 (n=38)
Years of managerial	1–3	1 (8.3%)
experience (decision makers)	3–5	0 (0%)
	5+	11 (91.7%)

^{*}Participants were able to select more than one response. †Includes 'health services research', 'biomedical science', 'rehabilitation engineering' and 'sociology'.

Eighteen researchers participated, representing a range of career levels.

Analysis of participant responses produced 1072 codes in total, which were condensed into 39 categories and 209 subcategories (online supplemental file 1). These items were cross-checked with a scoping review²⁶ and focus groups (Wallace *et al*, in preparation) that form part of this project. An additional seven items were added and presented for rating across rounds 2 and 3.

e-Delphi rounds 2 and 3

A total of 32 participants completed round 2, and 28 participants completed round 3 (online supplemental file 2). Out of 216 items presented in round 2, 192 items were rated as essential by more than 50% of participants (online supplemental file 3) and were subsequently presented in round 3. In round 3, 124 items were rated as essential by at least 70% of the participants and of limited importance by less than 15% of the respondents in round 3 (table 2).

Consensus meetings

The outcome of the four steering committee meetings was a final dataset of 42 data items, with items across the six domains including patient demographics (six items), premorbid health and psychosocial status (seven items), admission information (four items), service delivery and interventions (12 items), patient outcomes (nine items) and caregiver information and outcomes (four items) (table 3; online supplemental file 4) provides a draft data dictionary for these data items). The committee made the decision to remove items from the round 3 list that were considered to be too focused on physiological or condition-specific outcomes (eg, dysphagia, communication impairment), were already captured and reported in hospital-wide datasets (eg, mortality, discharge destination), were specific to the inpatient setting only (eg, need for post-discharge services) and where consensus could not be reached about its definition (eg, specialist outpatient therapies).

[‡]Includes 'major trauma/burns', 'amputation', 'deconditioning', 'scope of practice', 'hearing impairment and rehabilitation', 'mental health', 'ankle fracture', 'trauma data analysis', 'health economics' and 'orthopaedic conditions'.



Table 2 Final list of items	(n=124) reaching consensus in round 3, with percentage	e of respondents rating item as 'essential'
Provider demographics		
Unit/facility description	1. Setting: Inpatient/outpatient, day therapy (86%)	
Treating team	 Treating disciplines (93%) Type of service provided (89%) 	3. Specialist outpatient therapies (86%)4. Occasions of service by each discipline for each client (75%)
Patient and caregivers inf	ormation: patient information	
Demographics and identification	 Age/birthdate (96%) Indigenous status (89%) 	3. Language (89%)4. Sex/gender (86%)
Premorbid health status	 Sensory impairments (93%) Medical/health history (82%) Medications (79%) 	4. Drug and alcohol history (79%)5. Psychosocial history (75%)
Premorbid social, functional and community participation	 Preadmission living situation (96%) Premorbid function/mobility/ADLs (93%) Existing family/carer supports available (89%) Existing community supports/social connections (82%) 	 Premorbid level of community participation (82%) Premorbid communication (79%) Intent of return to work (79%) Referrals/assessments for aged care home services (75%)
Client premorbid health rating/quality of life	Well-being/worry/anxiety (93%)	2. Health-related quality of life (71%)
Admission information	1. Date/time of admission or follow-up (93%)	2. AN-SNAP classification of rehabilitation admission (71%)
Current diagnoses and impairments	 Primary diagnosis/referral reason (100%) Mobility, function and ADLs (100%) Condition/Impairment severity (96%) Cognitive impairment (96%) Communication impairment (96%) Date of onset/time since diagnosis (93%) 	 7. Dysphagia and modified diet (93%) 8. Decision-making capacity (89%) 9. Risk of clinical incidents (82%) 10. Frailty (75%) 11. Rehabilitation complexity (71%) 12. Behaviour challenges (71%)
Participation	 Participation (86%) Rehabilitation goals (82%) 	3. Client expectations (82%)4. Motivation (71%)
Discharge/post care- related information	 Need for carer (100%) Discharge setting/location (96%) Date/time of discharge (96%) Need for services postdischarge (96%) Referral to other services/services accessed when no longer receiving active rehabilitation (93%) 	 6. Ongoing postdischarge care requirements (89%) 7. New residential aged care facility admission (82%) 8. Discharge barriers (79%) 9. Driving instruction on discharge (79%) 10. Discharge summary completion on time (75%) 11. Advanced care planning (75%)
_	ormation: caregiver information	
Demographic and health information	 Level of involvement (86%) Living arrangement (79%) 	3. Health issues that impact care (79%)4. Relationship to client (71%)
Others	 Capacity to provide care (82%) Barriers to care (79%) 	3. Access to support (71%)4. Home living situation (71%)
Service delivery		
Intervention details	 Type of intervention/treatment details (96%) Mode of delivery (86%) Service delivery model (86%) Frequency of intervention (86%) Occasions of service (82%) Duration and length of intervention (82%) Adherence to treatment (79%) 	 8. Date of intervention (75%) 9. Dose/intensity of treatment (75%) 10. Total therapy sessions (75%) 11. Medication and dose (75%) 12. Whether intervention match patient goals (71%) 13. Barriers to intervention (71%)
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Disciplines/ clinicians, family and patient involvement	 Patient goal (89%) Care plan provided to the patient (89%) Education provided to patient and caregiver (86%) Discipline that performs intervention (86%) 	 Medication assessment/ recommendations prior to discharge (82%) Family and/or advocate involvement and support (82%) Hours/sessions per day in therapy (across disciplines) (75%) Interdisciplinary care (71%)
Care plan, resources and postdischarge activities	 Postdischarge follow-up (93%) Management plan (including discharge plan) (89%) Home visits (82%) Future goals at discharge from rehabilitation service (79%) 	5. Psychosocial support (79%)6. Level of resources required (79%)7. Instructions for ongoing care (71%)
Outcomes		
Impairment	 Change in function (100%) Change in impairment (93%) 	3. Change in diagnosis (79%)4. Length of time to return to function; change in function (75%)
Activity and participation	 Activities of daily living (100%) Activity and participation (93%) Ability to return to previous roles/functions/ activities (89%) 	4. Community participation (86%)5. Ability to return to meaningful roles/ functions/activities (82%)
Psychosocial and emotional well-being	 Quality of life (100%) Psychological well-being (100%) 	3. Social well-being (86%)4. Emotional response to treatment (79%)
Goal attainment	1. Goal attainment (96%)	2. Unmet needs/goals (79%)
Health outcomes	 Mortality (93%) Cognition (89%) Dysphagia/specific diet (89%) Pain (82%) 	5. Frailty (79%)6. Communication access (71%)7. Physical access (71%)
Satisfaction and experience	 Satisfaction with care (82%) Reasons why people ceased treatment (82%) 	3. Patient and family service experience (71%)4. Compliments (71%)
Admission and readmission	 Length of stay in acute/ rehabilitation (93%) Readmission (93%) 	3. Changes in episode of care (79%)4. Waiting times for review and admission (75%)
Carer outcomes	 Carer stress (79%) Carer confidence (79%) 	3. Carer quality of life (71%)
Others	 Level of independence (93%) Complications/adverse events and impact on rehab 	ulitation outcomes (93%)

.ADLs, activities of daily living; AN-SNAP, Australian National Sub-acute and Non-Acute Patient³².

DISCUSSION

The primary aim of this study was to develop a consolidated set of data items and core outcomes for use in rehabilitation services to guide best care and outcomes for patients and value for the health service. Following the completion of a three-round e-Delphi exercise and consensus meetings, a final dataset including 42 items was produced. These included items to describe the patients who are receiving rehabilitation (demographics, premorbid health status), the rehabilitation admission and interventions provided, and the patients' rehabilitation outcomes.

Unsurprisingly, there are items included in this dataset that are commonly collected in other national and international rehabilitation datasets. A recent scoping review aimed to identify the common data items included in rehabilitation MDS and core outcome sets.²⁶ The dataset developed in this study shares 18 data items with the list generated in this review, with data commonly collected in other datasets on patient demographics (patient identifier, age, sex, ethnicity/race), premorbid health status (medical/health history, psychosocial history, community supports), admission (length of stay, reason for rehabilitation), service delivery and interventions (intervention provided) and patient outcomes (impairment, change in functional status, activity and participation, health-related quality of life and readmissions). However, the dataset developed in the current study includes 24 items not commonly included in other rehabilitation datasets. These additional items provide further description



Table 3 Final list of items (n=42) for inclusion in the rehabilitation dataset

Patient information		
Demographics	 Person identifier Age Sex 	4. Indigenous status5. Language6. Need for interpreter
Premorbid health and psychosocial status	 Medical/health history Sensory impairments Drug and alcohol history Psychosocial history 	5. Mood6. Carer supports7. Community supports
Admission information	 Total length of stay in hospital Length of stay in rehabilitation 	3. Suspension of rehabilitation4. Reason for rehabilitation
Service delivery and interventions	 Rehabilitation setting Collaborative goal setting Intervention date Intervention type Intervention duration Barriers to intervention 	 7. Treating disciplines 8. Occasions of service 9. Mode of delivery 10. Intervention—individual/group 11. Intervention—interprofessional 12. Medication interventions
Outcomes	 Goal attainment Impairment Change in functional status Activity and participation Health-related quality of life 	6. Patient experience7. Patient satisfaction8. Complications and adverse events9. Readmissions
Caregiver information		
Caregiver information and outcomes	 Current caregiver status Capacity and willingness to care 	3. Preparedness to care4. Carer experience

of rehabilitation service delivery and interventions (eg, whether interventions were provided in a group or interdisciplinary setting; whether collaborative goals were set with patients and their family) and person-centred outcomes (eg, goal attainment, patient experience). Importantly, this dataset includes outcomes of caregivers, specifically whether they were adequately prepared for the caregiver role and their experience of the rehabilitation process. These additional items reflect the core focus of rehabilitation, particularly in terms of being patient and family-centred and goal orientated, ²⁹ and may bridge the gaps in current rehabilitation datasets to allow evaluation of rehabilitation through a value-based healthcare lens.

The recruitment of a variety of different stakeholders, including healthcare decision-makers, researchers and clinicians, was a key strength of this study as it allowed the data items to capture the broader rehabilitation priorities, as opposed to those relevant only to specific subgroups or professions. Overall, the items in this dataset were derived from a consensus between 14 different health disciplines from a range of rehabilitation settings and clinical specialties. Previous rehabilitation datasets have primarily focused on specific conditions (eg, stroke, spinal cord injury), with only 13 of 27 datasets involving consumers in their development.²⁶ Inclusion of consumers and carers in the foundation work which informed the dataset development (Wallace et al, in preparation) and in the project steering committee may explain the inclusion of data items and outcomes specific to caregivers as well as

additional outcomes at the life impact level. Additionally, participation by health service managers and clinicians may explain the increased focus on describing service delivery and interventions to allow refinement and improvement of the service provided to patients based on the outcomes achieved.

This study presents a methodologically valid and consolidated set of data items and outcomes that is relevant for implementation within rehabilitative care settings. Given the shift toward value-based healthcare models, 10 these findings may enable rehabilitation services to measure outcomes that are likely meaningful for patients and families. This dataset may encourage the collection of holistic and clinically relevant data that capture the priorities of rehabilitation, by collecting data relating to provider demographics, patient and caregiver information, service delivery and outcomes. As the expert panel was limited to participants working in universities or public rehabilitation services in Queensland, Australia, validation of the dataset to ensure its relevance in international and/or privately funded rehabilitation settings is required before implementation in other settings.

As this study has generated a list of items and outcomes that would be useful to collect within rehabilitation services, it is crucial that further work is completed to identify and select the most suitable outcome measurement tools to collect this data, with instruments need to be reliable, valid and responsive to detect changes over time, ³⁰ while also being feasible in clinical practice and low burden for both patients and clinicians. There is also



a need to evaluate the implementation process given the challenges with implementing collection of patient-reported outcome measures that have been reported to date. Additional evaluation of the use and outcomes of this dataset in practice would also contribute knowledge to further support the benefits of MDS and clinical registries, such as improving clinical outcomes and care processes and facilitating research.

CONCLUSION

This study presents a consolidated dataset that captures the priorities and perspectives of key stakeholders of rehabilitation services. Consensus was reached for a total of 124 items, with a strong distribution towards items relevant to patient and caregiver information. This was refined by a multistakeholder committee to a dataset containing 42 items ready for implementation in a local rehabilitation service. The MDS developed in this study may bridge the gaps in current data collection initiatives for rehabilitation services and improve the capacity of services to provide patient-centred care. Ultimately, this study provides a preliminary MDS which may facilitate quality improvement and value-based care. Future research is needed to evaluate the implementation process and outcomes of the MDS, to determine whether it meets its objective to improve the provision of valuebased rehabilitation care.

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Supplementary File 1. Content analysis of responses from Round 1 generated from n=38 participants.

Question 1: What provider demographics should be routinely collected for all rehabilitation patients in order to describe care and outcomes?

Subcategories
1. Name of ward/clinic (n=24)
2. Access to other specialty services (n=6)
3. Setting: Inpatient/Outpatient, day therapy (n=5)
4. Staffing levels (e.g., Ratio of each discipline to client numbers) (n=5)
5. Hours/days of operation (i.e., 5 vs 6 vs 7 day rehabilitation service) (n=4)
6. Clinic/Ward size (n=4)
7. Services available (n=2)
8. Clinic/Medicare code (n=1)
9. Flex beds available (n=1)
1. Location (n=30)
2. Facility/Hospital name (n=6)
3. Public/Private service (n=5)
4. Post-code (n=3)
5. Service capability level i.e., Clinical Services Capability Framework level of service provision (n=3)

	6. Hospital and health service district (n=2)
	7. Funding model (e.g., Activity based funding) (n=1)
	8. Geographical remoteness (n=1)
Treating team (n=44)	1. Treating disciplines (e.g., physicians, nursing, allied health disciplines, assistants, recreation officer, animal therapists) (n=30)
	2. Name and contact details of treating staff (n=6)
	3. Qualifications and level/years of experience (n=3)
	4. Type of service provided (e.g., consult and intervention, general or specialist) (n=3)
	5. Occasions of service (and time spent) for each client for each discipline (n=2)
Facilities and resources (n=7)	1. Rehabilitation care environment features (e.g., gyms, dining rooms, outdoor areas, independent living rooms, hydrotherapy, space for family, delta dogs) (n=5)
	2. Specialist equipment (e.g., robots) (n=1)
	3. Specialist outpatient therapies (e.g., hypertonicity, memory, vestibular clinics) (n=1)

Question 2: What information about patients and caregivers should be routinely collected for all rehabilitation patients in order to describe care and outcomes?

Patient / Caregiver	Categories	Subcategories
information		
Patient	Premorbid functional and	1. Preadmission living situation (e.g., alone/with others) (n=33)
information	community participation	2. Existing family/carer supports available (n=20)
		3. Premorbid level of function/mobility/activities of daily living (n=11)

information/history (n=102)

- 4. Employment/income status and vocation (n=9)
- 5. Existing community supports/ social connections (n=6)
- 6. Preadmission care/community services (n=5)
- 7. Existing home modifications/layout (n=5)
- 8. Hobbies, interests or other activity goals (n=4)
- 9. Premorbid communication (n=2)
- 10. My Aged Care referrals/assessments (n=2)
- 11. Premorbid level of community participation (n=2)
- 12. Intent of return to work (n=1)
- 13. Preadmission responsibilities (n=1)
- 14. Driving status (n=1)

Current diagnosis and impairments (n=97)

- 1. Primary diagnosis/Presenting complaint/reason for referral (n=30)
- 2. Level of function/mobility/Activities of daily living (n=14)
- 3. Decision-making capacity (n=13)
- 4. Cognitive impairment (n=11)
- 5. Behaviour challenges (n=8)
- 6. Impairment (including severity) (n=7)
- 7. Frailty (n=3)
- 8. Communication impairment (n=3)
- 9. Dysphagia, need for modified diet (n=2)
- 10. Date of onset/time since diagnosis (n=2)

- 11. Risk of clinical incidents (e.g. falls, malnutrition) (n=2)
- 12. Rehabilitation complexity (n=1)
- 13. Condition complexity (n=1)

Premorbid health information/history (n=61)

- 1. Medical/health history (n=32)
- 2. Psychosocial history (n=8)
- 3. Access to care and clinic (n=8)
- 4. Nutrition status (n=2)
- 5. Previously received rehab (n=2)
- 6. Medications (n=2)
- 7. Previous hospital admissions (n=1)
- 8. Sensory impairments (hearing, vision etc) (n=1)
- 9. Usual diet (n=1)
- 10. Family history (n=1)
- 11. Drug and alcohol history (n=1)
- 12. Premorbid history (n=1)
- 13. Ability to travel/access transport to services (n=1)

Basic demographic information (n=54)

1. Age, Date of birth (n=16)

* Codes for

- 2. Sex/gender (n=11)
- "Demographics" (n=3)
- 3. Education level (n=7)

included in the overall count (n=54)

- 4. Funding source for admission (n=6)
- 5. Address (n=3)
- 6. Ethnicity (n=2)
- 7. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status (n=2)
- 8. Language (n=2)
- 9. Weight (n=2)

Discharge/post care related information (n=44)

- 1. Discharge destination (n=14)
- 2. Satisfaction with discharge destination (n=1)
- 3. Need for carer/caregiver (n=7)
- 4. Need for services post-discharge (n=5)
- 5. Referral to other services/Services accessed when no longer receiving active rehab (n=4)
- 6. Ongoing post-discharge care requirements (n=4)
- 7. Date of discharge from unit/hospital (n=2)
- 8. Discharge barriers (n=2)
- 9. Driving instruction on discharge (n=2)
- 10. New residential aged care facility (RACF) admission (n=1)
- 11. Discharge summary completion on time (n=1)
- 12. Advanced care planning (n=1)

Supplemental material

Caregiver

information

Participation (n=36)	1. Rehabilitation goals e.g. Goal Attainment Scaling (n=12)
	2. Client expectations (n=9)
	3. Compliance (n=6)
	4. Participation (n=5)
	5. Motivation (n=3)
	6. Patient ability to identify goals (n=1)
Client pre-morbid health	1. Health-related Quality of life (n=8)
rating/Quality of life (n=12)	2. Wellbeing/worry/anxiety (n=2)
(n-12)	3. Satisfaction with usual living situation (n=1)
	4. Satisfaction with pre-morbid function (n=1)
Admission/clinic information (n=5)	1. Australian National Sub-acute and Non-Acute Patient (AN-SNAP) classification of rehabilitation admission (n=2)
` ,	2. Diagnosis-related group (DRG) of acute admission (n=1)
	3. Where/who client was referred from (n=1)
	4. Date and time of admission (n=1)
Other (n=1)	1. Participation in research projects (n=1)
Capacity to provide care	1. Barriers to care (e.g. financial, logistics, transport, emotions, work, children) (n=14)
(n=33)	2. Capacity to provide care (e.g., logistics, transport, emotional) (n=13)
	3. Communication barriers (n=2)

- 4. Level of burden (n=1)
- 5. Willingness/capacity to learn (n=1)
- 6. Receipt of financial support as carer (n=1)
- 7. Rating of confidence in care role (n=1)

Caregiver demographic information (n=25)

- 1. Relationship to client (n=6)
- 2. Living arrangement (i.e. with client, how far away) (n=6)
- 3. Level of involvement including frequency of contact (n=6)
- 4. Employment, hours of work (n=2)
- 5. Age (n=2)
- 6. Sex/gender (n=1)
- 7. Ethnicity (n=1)
- 8. Language (n=1)

Caregiver health information (n=16)

- 1. Health issues that impact on ability to provide care (n=6)
- 2. Health history (n=5)
- 3. Rating of sense of wellbeing/worry/anxiety (n=2)
- 4. Rating of own health (n=1)
- 5. Mental health (n=1)
- 6. Social participation (n=1)

Expectations (n=6)	1.	Family expectations/goals of rehab (n=5)
	2.	Understanding of rehabilitation (n=1)
Supports available (n=3)	1.	Access to support (services, family, community, respite) (n=3)
Living situation (n=3)	1.	Home living situation (n=2)
	2.	Usual residence (n=1)

Question 3: What information about service delivery and interventions should be routinely collected for all rehabilitation patients in order to describe care and outcomes?

Categories	Subcategories
Intervention / Service delivery information (n=108)	1. Type of intervention (assessment, treatment, education, counselling, self-management, support) (n=27)
	2. Service delivery model (e.g. individual, group) (n=24)
	3. Dose/Intensity of therapy (n=16)
	4. Duration and length of intervention (n=10)
	5. Mode of delivery (e.g., telehealth vs face to face) (n=6)
	6. Frequency of intervention (n=5)
	7. Occasions of service (n=4)
	 8. Barriers to intervention (including factors impacting on ability to provide desired treatment intensity) (n=3) 9. Involvement of recreation activities (n=2)
	10. Date of intervention (n=2)

- 11. Changes to therapy (n=1)
- 12. What was done in session (n=1)
- 13. Non-pharm treatment (n=1)
- 14. Whether intervention match patient goals (n=1)
- 15. Received weekend service (n=1)
- 16. Total therapy sessions (n=1)
- 17. Aim of the session (n=1)
- 18. Major clinical reasoning decisions for treatment plan or change (n=1)
- 19. Adherence to treatment (n=1)

Disciplines / Clinicians involvement (n=31)

- 1. Interdisciplinary care (n=17)
- 2. Discipline that performs intervention (including provider of service e.g., professional, allied health assistant, student) (n=10)
- 3. Hours/sessions per day in therapy (across different disciplines) (n=3)
- 4. Hours of intervention provided by discipline (n=1)

Family and patient involvement (n=20)

- 1. Education provided to patient and caregiver (e.g., post discharge care, communication partner training) (n=8)
- 2. Patient goal (n=5)
- 3. Family and/or advocate involvement and support (n=3)
- 4. Family meetings (n=2)

	5. Care plan provided to the patient (n=1)
	6. Case conferences (n=1)
Care plan (n=12)	1. Psychosocial support (e.g., Counselling) (n=3)
	2. Management plan (including discharge plan) (n=2)
	3. Home visits (n=2)
	4. Instructions for ongoing care (e.g., living situation, social circumstances) (n=2)
	5. Post discharge follow-up (e.g., needed or not, with which disciplines) (n=2)
	6. Future goals at discharge from rehabilitation service (n=1)
Resources needed (n=5)	1. Equipment and consumables (n=2)
	2. Level of resources required (e.g., two therapists vs semi supervised) (n=1)
	3. Time spent moving (n=1)
	4. Technology assisted therapy (n=1)
Missed appointments (n=3)	1. Missed appointments and reasons (e.g., staffing limitations, patient compliance) (n=3)
Indirect patient activities (n=2)	1. Measurement of patient related activities (e.g., writing reports, designing patient specific therapy activities, time spent organising equipment) (n=2)
Cost of care provision (n=1)	1. Cost-benefit rating of rehabilitation (e.g., financial outlay, time, inconvenience) (n=1)
Medication (n=1)	 Medication assessment prior to discharge or need to implement dose administration aid (n=1)
Question 4: Which outcomes should be roun	nely collected for all rehabilitation patients?
Categories	Subcategories

Impairment (n=39)	1. Change in function (e.g., mobility) (n=25)
	2. Change in impairment (n=12)
	3. Change in diagnosis (n=1)
	4. Length of time to return to function or change in function (n=1)
Satisfaction and experience (n=35)	1. Satisfaction with care (e.g., goals attained, clinician and services) (n=25)
	2. Patient and family service experience (n=5)
	3. Complaints about services (n=2)
	4. Ease of navigating through service providers (n=1)
	5. Reasons why people ceased treatment (n=1)
	6. Compliments (n=1)
Admission and readmission (n=30)	1. Length of stay in acute/rehab (n=15)
	2. Waiting times (for review and admission) (n=10)
	3. Readmission (n=3)
	4. Changes in episode of care (e.g., Ward transfers due to deterioration) (n=2)
Carer outcomes (n=29)	1. Carer quality of life (n=10)
	2. Carer confidence (n=5)
	3. Carer stress (n=5)
	4. Carer wellbeing (n=5)

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- 6. Carer needs (n=1)
- 7. Third-party disability (n=1)

Quality of Life (n=28)

1. Quality of Life (n=28)

Psychosocial and emotional wellbeing (n=18)

1. Psychological wellbeing (n=16)

2. Social well-being (n=1)

3. Emotional response to treatment (n=1)

Goal attainment (n=18)

1. Goal attainment (n=16)

2. Unmet needs/goals (n=2)

Activity and Participation (n=15)

1. Activity and participation (n=7)

2. Ability to return to previous roles/functions/activities (n=3)

3. Activities of daily living (n=3)

4. Community participation (n=2)

Health outcomes (n=12)

1. Cognition (n=5)

2. Mortality (n=2)

3. Weight (n=2)

4. Pain (n=1)

5. Frailty (n=1)

6. Dysphagia / specific diet (if any) (n=1)

Adverse events (n=9)

1. Complications/Adverse events and impact on rehabilitation outcomes (e.g., falls, infections) (n=9)

Independence (n=4)

1. Level of Independence (n=4)

^{*} n= number of codes within category and subcategory.

^{**} Note: Question 5 of Round 1 was "Is there any other information that should be routinely collected for all rehabilitation patients in order to describe care and outcomes?" and responses were added to the relevant categories developed for each of the previous questions.

Supplementary File 2. e-Delphi participant demographics for Rounds 1, 2 and 3¹

VARIABLE		ROUND 1 (N=38)	ROUND 2 (N=23)	ROUND 3 (N=21)
Age, years	18-24	0 (0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
1180, Jemis	25-34	5 (13.2%)	2 (8.7%)	3 (14.3%)
	35-44	13 (34.2%)	10 (43.5%)	7 (33.3%)
	45-54	12 (31.6%)	6 (26.1%)	7 (33.3%)
	55-64	8 (21.1%)	5 (21.7%)	4 (19.1%)
	65+	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Gender	Female	32 (84.2%)	19 (82.6%)	18 (85.7%)
	Male	5 (13.1%)	4 (17.4%)	3 (14.3%)
	Other	1 (2.6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Stakeholder	Clinician	20 (52.6%)	12 (52.2%)	10 (43.4%)
group ²	Researcher	18 (47.4%)	11(47.8%)	9 (42.8%)
•	Decision Maker	12 (31.6%)	5 (21.7%)	7 (33.3%)
Discipline	Nursing	5 (12.5%)	2 (8.7%)	5 (23.8%)
background ²	Occupational therapy	5 (12.5%)	3 (13.0%)	2 (9.5%)
	Physiotherapy	5 (12.5%)	2 (8.7%)	3 (14.3%)
	Medicine	4 (10%)	2 (8.7%)	2 (9.5%)
	Speech pathology	3 (7.5%)	2 (8.7%)	2 (9.5%)
	Psychology	3 (7.5%)	1 (13.0%)	0 (0%)
	Dietetics	3 (7.5%)	2 (8.7%)	2 (9.5%)
	Pharmacy	3 (7.5%)	1 (4.3%)	1 (4.8%)
	Audiology	3 (7.5%)	2 (8.7%)	1 (4.8%)
	Social work	2 (5%)	2 (8.7%)	1 (4.8%)
	Other ³	4 (10%)	3 (13.0%)	2 (9.5%)
Area of	Multiple clinical specialties	9 (15.5%)	6 (26.1%)	2 (9.5%)
specialty	Geriatrics	13 (22.4)	6 (26.1%)	4 (19.1%)
-	Stroke	10 (17.2%)	4 (17.4%)	3 (14.3%)

(clinicians and	Acquired brain injury	7 (12.1%)	2 (8.7%)	3 (14.3%)
researchers)	Progressive neurological conditions	7 (12.1%)	1 (4.3%)	2 (9.5%)
	Spinal cord injury	2 (3.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Other ⁴	10 (17.2%)	1 (4.3%)	1 (4.8%)
Years of	1-3	2 (10%)	1 (8.3%)	1 (10.0%)
experience	3-5	1 (5%)	2 (16.7%)	0 (0%)
(clinicians)	5+	17 (85%)	9 (75.0%)	9 (90.0%)
Career stage	Pre-doctoral	7 (38.9%)	3 (27.3%)	4 (44.4%)
(researchers)	Post-doctoral: Early-mid career researcher (≤15 years post-PhD)	7 (39.9%)	5 (45.4%)	2 (22.2%)
	Post-doctoral: Experienced researcher (>16 years post-PhD)	4 (22.2%)	3 (27.3%)	3 (33.3%)
Years of	1-3	1 (8.3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
managerial	3-5	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
experience	5+	11 (91.7%)	5 (100%)	5 (100%)
(decision makers)			, ,	, ,

¹Whilst there were 38, 32 and 28 participants in Rounds 1, 2, and 3 (respectively), descriptive data was only available for 23 participants for Round 2 (72%) and 21 participants for Round 3 (75%).

²Participants were able to select more than one response.

³Includes "Health services research", "Biomedical science", "Rehabilitation Engineering" and "Sociology".

⁴Includes "Major trauma/burns", "Amputation", "Deconditioning", "Scope of practice", "Hearing impairment and rehabilitation", "mental health", "Ankle fracture", "trauma data analysis", "health economics" and "orthopaedic conditions".

Supplementary File 3. Round 2 participant ratings (n=32)

	Items														
				Of limi	ted imp	oortance	Important but not essential					F	Response Count		
			1	2	3	1-3 Total	4	5	6	4-6 Total	7	8	9	7-9 Total	
						Provid	der dem	ograpl	nics						
Service and rehabilitation unit –	1. Setting: Inpatient ent, day		0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	2	3	6 (19%)	8	10	8	26 (81%)	32
General information	2. Hours/da operation vs 6 vs 7 rehabilit service)	n (i.e., 5 day	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	4	3	9 (28%)	10	8	4	22 (69%)	32
	3. Services	available	0	3	1	4 (13%)	2	1	4	7 (22%)	10	6	5	21 (66%)	32
	4. Service of level i.e., Services Capabili Framewood services	Clinical ty ork level e	0	0	2	2 (6%)	3	3	3	9 (28%)	15	2	4	21 (66%)	32
	provision 5. Staffing (e.g., Rateach discontinu	levels tio of cipline to	0	2	2	4 (13%)	2	4	3	9 (28%)	10	3	6	19 (59%)	32

6. Location	0	0	1	1 (3%)	4	4	4	12 (38%)	11	3	5	19 (59%)	32
7. Public/private service	0	0	0	0 (0%)	5	2	7	14 (44%)	7	5	6	18 (56%)	32
8. Facility/Hospital name	0	1	0	1 (3%)	5	3	5	13 (41%)	9	4	5	18 (56%)	32
9. Clinic/medicare code	0	1	1	2 (6%)	6	1	5	12 (38%)	10	4	4	18 (56%)	32
10. Name of ward/clinic	0	3	2	5 (16%)	3	2	6	11 (34%)	7	4	5	16 (50%)	32
11. Post-code	0	1	4	5 (16%)	3	3	6	12 (38%)	8	2	5	15 (47%)	32
12. Geographical remoteness	0	0	2	2 (6%)	4	6	5	15 (47%)	8	3	4	15 (47%)	32
13. Hospital and health service district	0	2	1	3 (9%)	6	3	6	15 (47%)	7	3	4	14 (44%)	32
14. Clinic/ward size	1	3	5	9 (28%)	3	2	4	9 (28%)	7	5	2	14 (44%)	32
15. Funding model (e.g., Activity based funding)	1	1	1	3 (9%)	3	4	9	16 (50%)	6	3	4	13 (41%)	32

	16. Access to other specialty services	0	2	1	3 (9%)	5	5	7	17 (53%)	5	5	2	12 (38%)	32
	17. Flex beds available	1	3	11	15 (47%)	6	2	4	12 (38%)	3	2	0	5 (16%)	32
Service and rehabilitation unit – Treating team, facilities and resources	18. Treating disciplines (e.g., physicians, nursing, allied health disciplines, recreation officer, animal therapists)	0	1	0	1 (3%)	1	1	0	2 (6%)	18	3	8	29 (91%)	32
	19. Occasions of service (and time spent) for each client for each discipline	0	1	0	1 (3%)	0	2	2	4 (13%)	14	7	6	27 (84%)	32
	20. Type of service provided (e.g., consult service only, consult and intervention, general or specialist)	0	1	0	1 (3%)	1	3	3	7 (22%)	10	9	5	24 (75%)	32
	21. Specialist outpatient therapies (e.g., hypertonicity,	0	1	0	1 (3%)	4	2	4	10 (31%)	14	5	2	21 (66%)	32

memory, vestibular clinics)													
22. Rehabilitation care environment features (e.g., gyms, dining rooms, outdoor areas, independent living rooms, hydrotherapy, space for family, delta dog)	0	3	1	4 (13%)	3	3	4	10 (31%)	11	6	1	18 (56%)	32
23. Specialist equipment (e.g., robots)	0	2	1	3 (9%)	6	2	9	17 (53%)	9	2	1	12 (38%)	32
24. Qualifications and level/years of experience	0	3	6	9 (28%)	4	3	8	15 (47%)	6	2	0	8 (25%)	32
25. Name and contact details of treating staff	2	4	4	10 (31%)	8	5	2	15 (47%)	6	0	1	7 (22%)	32

Patients and caregivers information														
Client – Basic demographic	26. Age, Date of birth	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	12	3	16	31 (100%)	31
information	27. Sex/gender	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	2	1	3 (10%)	14	1	13	28 (90%)	31
	28. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	2	3 (10%)	11	7	10	28 (90%)	31
	29. Language	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	3	5 (16%)	15	4	7	26 (84%)	31
	30. Education level	0	0	1	1 (3%)	4	0	3	7 (23%)	14	2	7	23 (74%)	31
	31. Address	0	0	1	1 (3%)	5	3	4	11 (35%)	8	3	8	19 (61%)	31
	32. Funding source for admission	0	1	1	2 (6%)	3	1	7	11 (35%)	9	3	6	18 (58%)	31
	33. Weight	0	0	0	0 (0%)	5	3	5	13 (42%)	12	0	6	18 (58%)	31
	34. Ethnicity	0	0	2	2 (6%)	3	3	6	12 (39%)	8	2	7	17 (55%)	31
	35. Socioeconomic status	0	0	2	2 (6%)	4	3	7	13 (42%)	9	0	7	16 (52%)	31

	36. Marital status	0	0	4	4 (13%)	5	2	5	12 (39%)	9	0	6	15 (48%)	31
	37. Children	0	0	3	3 (9%)	4	3	6	13 (42%)	8	0	7	15 (48%)	31
	38. Country of birth	0	1	1	2 (6%)	2	5	9	16 (52%)	6	2	5	13 (42%)	31
Client – Premorbid health, functional	39. Preadmission living situation (e.g., alone/with others)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	1	1 (3%)	12	3	15	30 (97%)	31
and community participation information/h	40. Sensory impairments (hearing, vision etc)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	1	2 (6%)	10	5	14	29 (94%)	31
istory	41. Existing family/carer supports available	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	0	2 (6%)	13	5	11	29 (94%)	31
	42. Premorbid level of function/mobility /activities of daily living	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	1	2 (6%)	13	4	12	29 (94%)	31
	43. Premorbid communication	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	0	2 (6%)	15	2	12	29 (94%)	31

44. Medical/health history	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	2	1	3 (10%)	9	5	14	28 (90%)	31
45. Medications	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	1	1	4 (13%)	7	4	16	27 (87%)	31
46. Psychosocial history	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	3	5 (16%)	11	6	9	26 (84%)	31
47. Existing community supports/social connections	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	4	5 (16%)	13	3	10	26 (84%)	31
48. Premorbid level of community participation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	0	1	5 (16%)	11	7	8	26 (84%)	31
49. Drug and alcohol history	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	2	3	6 (19%)	11	4	10	25 (81%)	31
50. Premorbid history	0	0	0	0 (0%))	1	1	4	6 (19%)	12	4	9	25 (81%)	31
51. Employment/inco me status and vocation	0	0	1	1 (3%)	1	0	4	5 (16%)	12	3	10	25 (81%)	31
52. Preadmission care/ community services	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	4	6 (19%)	10	6	9	25 (81%)	31

53. Ability to travel/access transport to services	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	5	7 (23%)	12	5	7	24 (77%)	31
54. Driving status	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	5	7 (23%)	9	3	12	24 (77%)	31
55. Preadmission responsibilities	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	7	9 (29%)	9	6	7	22 (71%)	31
56. Existing home modifications/lay out	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	1	5	10 (32%)	9	2	10	21 (68%)	31
57. My Aged Care referrals/assessm ents	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	8	10 (32%)	5	8	8	21 (68%)	31
58. Nutrition status	0	1	1	2 (6%)	3	0	6	9 (29%)	9	3	8	20 (65%)	31
59. Access to care and clinic	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	4	4	12 (39%)	8	4	7	19 (61%)	31
60. Previously received rehab	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	5	6	12 (39%)	12	3	4	19 (61%)	31
 61. Previous hospital admissions	0	0	0	0 (0%)	5	2	5	12 (39%)	6	8	5	19 (61%)	31

	62. Hobbies, interests or other activity goals	1	0	1	2 (6%)	2	1	7	10 (32%)	8	4	7	19 (61%)	31
	63. Intent of return to work	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	2	8	12 (39%)	7	2	10	19 (61%)	31
	64. Usual diet	0	1	1	2 (6%)	4	2	5	11 (35%)	9	2	7	18 (58%)	31
	65. Family history	0	0	1	1 (3%)	3	2	8	13 (42%)	8	4	5	17 (55%)	31
Client – Premorbid health/QOL rating, Admission information and Current diagnosis and impairment	66. Primary diagnosis/ Presenting complaint/ reason for referral	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0.0%)	11	3	17	31 (100%)	31
	67. Level of function/mobility /Activities of daily living	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	14	6	11	31 (100%)	31
	68. Date and time of admission	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	0	1 (3%)	14	4	12	30 (97%)	31
	69. Impairment (including severity)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	1	1 (3%)	11	6	13	30 (97%)	31

70. Date of onset/time since diagnosis	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	0	1 (3%)	10	5	15	30 (97%)	31
71. Cognitive impairment	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	2	3 (10%)	8	7	13	28 (90%)	31
72. Communication impairment	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	2	3 (10%)	10	7	11	28 (90%)	31
73. Risk of clinical incidents (e.g. falls, malnutrition)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	1	3 (10%)	11	7	10	28 (90%)	31
74. Dysphagia, need for modified diet	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	3	4 (13%)	11	3	13	27 (87%)	31
75. Rehabilitation complexity	0	0	1	1 (3%)	1	2	1	4 (13%)	14	6	6	26 (84%)	31
76. Wellbeing/worry/ anxiety	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	6	6 (19%)	9	10	6	25 (81%)	31
77. Health-related Quality of life	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	5	7 (23%)	9	6	9	24 (77%)	31
 78. Australian National Sub- acute and Non- Acute Patient (AN-SNAP) of	1	0	1	2 (6%)	1	1	4	6 (19%)	14	3	6	23 (74%)	31

rehabilitation admission													
79. Decision-making capacity	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	1	4	7 (23%)	7	3	13	23 (74%)	31
80. Behaviour challenges	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	6	8 (26%)	9	5	9	23 (74%)	31
81. Condition complexity	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	1	5	8 (26%)	11	7	5	23 (74%)	31
82. Where/who client was referred from	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	1	5	8 (26%)	11	2	9	22 (71%)	31
83. Diagnosis-related group (DRG) of acute admission	1	0	2	3 (10%)	1	2	6	9 (29%)	9	2	8	19 (61%)	31
84. Frailty	1	0	0	1 (3%)	0	2	9	11 (35%)	9	2	8	19 (61%)	31
85. Satisfaction with usual living situation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	2	9	15 (48%)	9	4	3	16 (52%)	31
86. Satisfaction with pre-morbid function	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	3	10	17 (55%)	7	5	2	14 (45%)	31

Client – Participation, discharge/ post care related information,	87. Ongoing post- discharge care requirements	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	17	2	11	30 (100%)	30
	88. Discharge destination	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	1	1 (3%)	11	4	14	29 (97%)	30
other	89. Need for carer/caregiver	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	1	1 (3%)	12	5	12	29 (97%)	30
	90. Need for services post-discharge	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	0	1 (3%)	14	2	13	29 (97%)	30
	91. Rehabilitation goals e.g. Goal Attainment Scaling	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	0	2 (7%)	14	4	10	28 (93%)	30
	92. Date of discharge from unit/hospital	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	1	2 (7%)	11	4	13	28 (93%)	30
	93. Referral to other services / Services accessed when no longer receiving active rehabilitation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	5	6 (20%)	10	5	9	24 (80%)	30
	94. Participation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	5	7 (23%)	10	10	3	23 (77%)	30

95. Discharge barriers	0	0	1	1 (3%)	1	1	4	6 (20%)	8	6	9	23 (77%)	30
96. Client expectations	0	0	1	1 (3%)	1	1	6	8 (27%)	11	5	5	21 (70%)	30
97. New residential aged care facility (RACF) admission	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	7	9 (30%)	9	3	9	21 (70%)	30
98. Driving instruction on discharge	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	1	7	10 (33%)	7	5	8	20 (67%)	30
99. Discharge summary completion on time	2	0	1	3 (10%)	2	0	6	8 (27%)	7	5	7	19 (63%)	30
100. Motivation	0	0	2	2 (7%)	2	0	8	10 (33%)	6	8	4	18 (60%)	30
101. Patient ability to identify goals	0	0	0	0 (0%)	3	1	10	14 (47%)	9	4	3	16 (53%)	30
102. Advanced care planning	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	2	10	14 (47%)	5	3	8	16 (53%)	30
103. Compliance	1	0	1	2 (7%)	5	0	8	13 (43%)	6	7	2	15 (50%)	30

	104. Satisfaction with discharge destination	0	0	0	0 (0%)	3	2	10	15 (50%)	10	4	1	15 (50%)	30
	105. Participation in research projects	0	0	2	2 (7%)	4	3	10	17 (57%)	6	1	4	11 (37%)	30
Caregiver – Caregiver demographic	106. Relationship to client	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	2	1	4 (13%)	15	4	7	26 (87%)	30
and health information	107. Level of involvement including frequency of contact	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	4	6 (20%)	14	4	6	24 (80%)	30
	108. Living arrangement (i.e. with client, how far away)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	3	2	2	7 (23%)	15	2	6	23 (77%)	30
	109. Health issues that impact on ability to provide care	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	6	8 (27%)	14	4	4	22 (73%)	30
	110. Language	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	4	3	9 (30%)	11	5	4	20 (67%)	30
	111. Rating of sense of	0	0	1	1 (3%)	3	3	5	11 (37%)	10	6	2	18 (60%)	30

		ellbeing/worry/ nxiety													
	112. h o	Employment, ours of work	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	6	6	13 (43%)	13	2	2	17 (57%)	30
	113.	Age	0	1	2	3 (10%)	0	4	6	10 (33%)	10	1	6	17 (57%)	30
	114. he	Rating of own	0	2	0	2 (7%)	6	1	8	15 (50%)	8	4	1	13 (43%)	30
	115.	Mental health	0	0	1	1 (3%)	5	7	4	16 (53%)	6	5	2	13 (43%)	30
	116.	Sex/gender	0	1	5	6 (20%)	4	4	4	12 (40%)	7	2	3	12 (40%)	30
	117. pa	Social articipation	0	0	3	3 (10%)	3	8	6	17 (57%)	7	2	1	10 (33%)	30
	118.	Health history	0	0	4	4 (13%)	5	8	6	19 (63%)	2	3	2	7 (23%)	30
	119.	Ethnicity	0	1	5	6 (20%)	3	8	8	19 (63%)	3	1	1	5 (17%)	30
Caregiver – Capacity to provide care,	_	Capacity to covide care .g., logistics,	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	2	2	5 (17%)	15	3	7	25 (83%)	30

supports	transport, emotional)													
available, living	emotional)													
situation and	121. Barriers to													
expectations	care (e.g. financial, logistics, transport, emotions, work, children)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	3	1	2	6 (20%)	16	2	6	24 (80%)	30
	122. Communicati on barriers	0	0	0	0 (0%)	3	0	4	7 (23%)	18	3	2	23 (77%)	30
	123. Access to support (services, family, community, respite)	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	1	4	7 (23%)	16	2	4	22 (73%)	30
	124. Home living situation	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	2	3	7 (23%)	15	3	4	22 (73%)	30
	125. Family expectations/goal s of rehabilitation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	3	1	4	8 (27%)	12	7	3	22 (73%)	30
	126. Willingness/c apacity to learn	0	0	1	1 (3%)	4	2	3	9 (30%)	16	2	2	20 (67%)	30
	127. Usual residence	0	1	0	1 (3%)	4	3	2	9 (30%)	15	2	3	20 (67%)	30

	128. Rating of confidence in care role	0	1	0	1 (3%)	3	2	5	10 (33%)	14	3	2	19 (63%)	30
	129. Level of burden	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	1	7	12 (40%)	11	5	2	18 (60%)	30
	130. Understandin g of rehabilitation	0	0	2	2 (7%)	3	3	6	12 (40%)	13	3	0	16 (53%)	30
	131. Receipt of financial support as carer	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	6	6	14 (47%)	12	1	2	15 (50%)	30
					Service del	ivery ar	nd inte	rventio	ons					
Intervention/ Service delivery – General	132. Mode of delivery (e.g., telehealth vs face to face)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	2	2 (7%)	16	2	9	27 (93%)	29
information	133. Type of intervention (assessment, treatment, education, counselling, selfmanagement, support)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	5	5 (17%)	9	6	9	24 (83%)	29
	134. Service delivery model	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	5	5 (17%)	12	5	7	24 (83%)	29

(e.g. individual, group)													
135. Occasions of service	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	3	5 (17%)	13	4	7	24 (83%)	29
136. Duration and length of intervention	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	6	6 (21%)	13	5	5	23 (79%)	29
137. Frequency of intervention	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	4	6 (21%)	13	3	7	23 (79%)	29
138. Date of intervention	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	5	6 (21%)	12	2	9	23 (79%)	29
139. Whether intervention match patient goals	0	0	1	1 (3%)	3	2	0	5 (17%)	14	5	4	23 (79%)	29
140. Dose / Intensity of treatment	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	2	4	7 (24%)	12	3	7	22 (76%)	29
141. Barriers to intervention (including factors impacting ability to provide desired treatment intensity)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	5	7 (24%)	13	6	3	22 (76%)	29

142. Adherence to treatment	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	5	7 (24%)	13	5	4	22 (76%)	29
143. Major clinical reasoning decisions for treatment plan or change	1	0	0	1 (3%)	2	3	3	8 (28%)	12	2	6	20 (69%)	29
144. Total therapy sessions	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	2	7	11 (38%)	10	3	5	18 (62%)	29
145. Changes to therapy	0	1	0	1 (3%)	3	1	7	11 (38%)	12	3	2	17 (59%)	29
146. Non-pharm treatment	1	0	0	1 (3%)	3	4	5	12 (41%)	9	5	2	16 (55%)	29
147. Aim of the session	1	0	1	2 (7%)	4	3	4	11 (38%)	12	2	2	16 (55%)	29
148. Received weekend service	1	1	1	3 (10%)	2	3	6	11 (38%)	9	4	2	15 (52%)	29
149. What was done in session	0	0	0	0 (0%)	6	2	7	15 (52%)	9	3	2	14 (48%)	29
150. Involvement of recreation activities	0	0	0	0 (0%)	4	4	10	18 (62%)	7	3	1	11 (38%)	29

Intervention/			0	0	0 (00)	2	1	1	4 (1 40)	11	4	10	35 (969)	20
Service	151. Patient goal	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	1	1	4 (14%)	11	4	10	25 (86%)	29
delivery –														
Disciplines/cl	152. Education													
inicians,	provided to													
family and	patient and													
patient	caregiver (e.g.,	0	0	2	2 (7%)	1	0	2	3 (10%)	15	5	4	24 (83%)	29
involvement	post discharge care,													
	communication													
	partner training)													
	153. Care plan	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	5	5 (17%)	12	3	9	24 (83%)	29
	provided to the patient		v	v	0 (0 /0)	v	v		C (17 /C)	12			21 (65 %)	
	patient													
	154. Medication													
	assessment prior													
	to discharge or need to	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	1	4	7 (24%)	13	2	7	22 (76%)	29
	implement dose		ŭ	Ü	0 (0 /0)	_	_	-	, (= : ///)		_	•	== (, 0, 0)	
	administration													
	aid													
	155. Interdisciplin	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	6	8 (28%)	12	3	6	21 (72%)	29
	ary care													
	156. Discipline													
	that performs													
	intervention	1	0	0	1 (3%)	1	1	6	8 (28%)	12	4	4	20 (69%)	29
	(including													
	provider of													
	service e.g.,													

	professional, allied health assistant, student)													
	157. Hours/session s per day in therapy (across different disciplines)	0	0	2	2 (7%)	2	1	4	7 (24%)	14	3	3	20 (69%)	29
	158. Family and/or advocate involvement and support	0	0	1	1 (3%)	3	1	4	8 (28%)	13	4	3	20 (69%)	29
	159. Family meetings	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	7	9 (31%)	12	5	3	20 (69%)	29
	160. Hours of intervention provided by discipline	1	0	0	1 (3%)	4	1	5	10 (34%)	11	4	3	18 (62%)	29
	161. Case conferences	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	4	7	13 (45%)	7	4	5	16 (55%)	29
Intervention/ Service delivery – Care plan, resources/cos	162. Post discharge follow- up (e.g., needed or not, with which disciplines)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	0	1 (3%)	16	5	7	28 (97%)	29

t of care, post- discharge and	163. Management plan (including discharge plan)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	0	2 (7%)	19	3	5	27 (93%)	29
indirect patient	164. Home visits	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	3	4 (14%)	15	3	7	25 (86%)	29
activities	165. Future goals at discharge from rehabilitation service	0	0	1	1 (3%)	0	0	3	3 (10%)	15	7	3	25 (86%)	29
	166. Psychosocial support (e.g., Counselling)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	4	5 (17%)	11	8	5	24 (83%)	29
	167. Instructions for ongoing care (e.g., living situation, social circumstances)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	2	0	3	5 (17%)	16	3	5	24 (83%)	29
	168. Level of resources required (e.g., two therapists vs semi supervised)	0	1	1	2 (7%)	2	1	6	9 (31%)	11	3	4	18 (62%)	29

of patient related activities (e.g., writing reports, designing patient specific therapy activities, time spent organising equipment)	1	0	1	2 (7%)	4	1	4	9 (31%)	13	3	2	18 (62%)	29
170. Equipment and consumables	1	0	0	1 (3%)	0	5	6	11 (38%)	10	3	4	17 (59%)	29
171. Technology assisted therapy	0	0	1	1 (3%)	2	1	9	12 (41%)	9	4	3	16 (55%)	29
172. Missed appointments and reasons (e.g., staffing limitations, patient compliance)	1	1	2	4 (14%)	1	2	7	10 (34%)	9	4	2	15 (52%)	29
173. Cost-benefit rating of rehabilitation (e.g., financial outlay, time, inconvenience)	1	1	5	7 (24%)	1	5	5	11 (38%)	9	2	0	11 (38%)	29
174. Time spent moving	1	1	2	4 (14%)	2	4	13	19 (66%)	5	1	0	6 (21%)	29

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Outcomes – Independence , impairment,	175. Level of Independence	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	15	3	11	29 (100%)	29
activity, participation, quality of life	176. Change in function (e.g., mobility)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	1	2 (7%)	16	3	8	27 (93%)	29
and psychosocial and emotional wellbeing	177. Ability to return to previous roles/functions/ac tivities	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	1	2 (7%)	13	5	9	27 (93%)	29
	178. Activities of daily living	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	1	2 (7%)	14	4	9	27 (93%)	29
	179. Quality of Life	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	2	2 (7%)	14	4	9	27 (93%)	29
	180. Psychological wellbeing	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	3	4 (14%)	11	5	9	25 (86%)	29
	181. Change in impairment	0	0	1	1 (3%)	0	0	4	4 (14%)	13	5	6	24 (83%)	29
	182. Change in diagnosis	0	0	1	1 (3%)	0	2	3	5 (17%)	13	4	6	23 (79%)	29
	183. Activity and participation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	4	6 (21%)	15	3	5	23 (79%)	29

	184. Community participation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	5	6 (21%)	13	3	7	23 (79%)	29
	185. Social wellbeing	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	5	6 (21%)	13	5	5	23 (79%)	29
	186. Length of time to return to function or change in function	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	2	5	7 (24%)	16	2	4	22 (76%)	29
	187. Emotional response to treatment	1	0	0	1 (3%)	2	1	8	11 (38%)	13	2	2	17 (59%)	29
Outcomes – Adverse events, goal attainment, health outcomes,	188. Complication s/Adverse events and impact on rehabilitation outcomes (e.g., falls, infections)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	2	2 (7%)	10	5	12	27 (93%)	29
admission/rea dmission, satisfaction	189. Goal attainment	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	1	2 (7%)	11	6	10	27 (93%)	29
and experience	190. Cognition	0	1	0	1 (3%)	0	0	1	1 (3%)	14	6	7	27 (93%)	29
	191. Satisfaction with care (e.g., goals attained,	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	1	2 (7%)	15	5	7	27 (93%)	29

clinician and services)													
192. Pain	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	1	2	3 (10%)	15	3	8	26 (90%)	29
193. Mortality	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	4	4 (14%)	8	4	13	25 (86%)	29
194. Reasons why people ceased treatment	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	0	3	4 (14%)	18	2	5	25 (86%)	29
195. Length of stay in acute/rehabilitati on	1	0	1	2 (7%)	0	1	1	2 (7%)	14	1	10	25 (86%)	29
196. Readmission	0	1	0	1 (3%)	0	0	3	3 (10%)	14	1	10	25 (86%)	29
197. Dysphagia / specific diet (if any)	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	0	5	5 (17%)	12	4	8	24 (83%)	29
198. Unmet needs/goals	0	0	1	1 (3%)	0	0	5	5 (17%)	16	5	2	23 (79%)	29
 199. Complaints about services	0	0	2	2 (7%)	1	1	2	4 (14%)	15	4	4	23 (79%)	29

200. Patient and family service experience	0	1	0	1 (3%)	1	0	5	6 (21%)	11	7	4	22 (76%)	29
201. Communicati on access	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	7	9 (31%)	14	3	3	20 (69%)	29
202. Waiting times (for review and admission)	1	0	0	1 (3%)	1	4	4	9 (31%)	12	4	3	19 (66%)	29
203. Changes in episode of care (e.g., Ward transfers due to deterioration)	1	0	1	2 (7%)	1	2	5	8 (28%)	15	2	2	19 (66%)	29
204. Frailty	1	0	0	1 (3%)	1	1	8	10 (34%)	9	4	5	18 (62%)	29
205. Compliments	0	0	3	3 (10%)	2	2	5	9 (31%)	9	2	6	17 (59%)	29
206. Physical access	1	0	2	3 (10%)	1	1	7	9 (31%)	12	1	4	17 (59%)	29
207. Weight	1	0	2	3 (10%)	2	4	4	10 (34%)	10	2	4	16 (55%)	29
208. Therapeutic alliance (patient	0	1	0	1 (3%)	5	3	7	15 (52%)	11	2	0	13 (45%)	29

	relationship with treating team)													
	209. Ease of navigating through service providers	1	0	4	5 (17%)	1	6	7	14 (48%)	7	2	1	10 (34%)	29
Outcomes – Carer outcomes	210. Carer quality of life	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	3	6	9 (31%)	15	2	3	20 (69%)	29
outcomes	211. Carer stress	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	2	7	9 (31%)	10	4	6	20 (69%)	29
	212. Carer confidence	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	3	7	10 (34%)	13	3	3	19 (66%)	29
	213. Carer wellbeing	0	0	0	0 (0%)	0	3	7	10 (34%)	11	3	5	19 (66%)	29
	214. Families/care rs participation	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	1	8	10 (34%)	14	4	1	19 (66%)	29
	215. Carer needs	0	0	0	0 (0%)	1	3	9	13 (45%)	12	2	2	16 (55%)	29
	216. Third-party disability	1	0	1	2 (7%)	3	5	10	18 (62%)	6	1	2	9 (31%)	29

^{*} Note: participants were asked to rate how important it is to always collect the following data items and outcomes [shown above] for all rehabilitation patients in order to describe care and outcomes.

^{**}Note: Items rated 7-9 by \geq 50% of respondents were presented in round 3 - indicated in bold.

***Note: Additional codes included from the findings of other studies within the project group (i.e., Nominal group technique with expert panel and scoping review) included: Patient basic demographic information ("Socioeconomic status", "Country of birth", "Marital status", "Children"), Satisfaction and experience ("Therapeutic alliance (patient relationship with treating team)", "Physical access" and "Communication access").

Rehabilitation Data Set Data dictionary

Data elements

Demographics

Person Identifier

Definition:	The patient identifier (UR number) is a unique record number assigned to a person for the purpose of uniquely identifying them within a healthcare facility.
Format:	Alphanumeric; code X[X(19)] Character length – 1-20
Codeset values:	A valid identifier assigned using the Assignment of unique identifier standard
Source data standard:	Queensland Health Admitted Patient Care Data Set

Age

Definition:	A patient's age is their age in years at the time of their admission to rehabilitation. It is calculated as the episode begin date minus the patient's date of birth.
Format:	Numeral
Codeset values:	Any number above 1 in years.
Source data standard:	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-
	Australian Version

Indigenous Status

Definition:	Whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
Format:	Numeric code
Codeset values:	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
	8 Not stated/unknown - follow-up required
	9 Not stated/unknown - no follow-up required
Source data standard:	Applicable data sources:
	Queensland Data Standard
	Person and Provider Identification Data Set-Definitions (health.qld.gov.au)
	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-
	Australian Version (codes 8 and 9 = Not stated or inadequately defined)

Sex

Definition:	Sex refers to a person's biological characteristics. A person's sex is usually described as being either male or female. A person may have both male and female characteristics, or neither male nor female characteristics, or other sexual characteristics.
Format:	Numeric code
Codeset values:	1 Male
	2 Female
	3 Other
	9 Not stated/ Inadequately described
Source data standard:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Person-sex METeOR Identifier: 635126 Australian
	Bureau of Statistics 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables (Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012).
	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition
	of Sex and Gender.
	Queensland source standard: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection

Metro North Health



Language

Definition:	Preferred language of the person receiving rehabilitation services (including sign language)
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Any value from Appendix G - Language Codes of the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient
	Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020-2021 V1.0
Source data standard:	Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020-2021 V1.0

Need for an interpreter

Definition:	hether an interpreter service is required by or for a person (including sign language)						
Format:	Numeric code						
Codeset values:	1 Interpreter needed						
	2 Interpreter not needed						
	9 Unknown						
Source data standard	Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020-2021 V1.0 pp. 109 –						
	110. 7.38 Interpreter required (public hospitals)						

Premorbid health and psychosocial status

Medical/health history

Definition:	The previous medical conditions experienced by the person.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Any valid code from SNOMED CT-AU, mapped according to the following categories for
	AROC reporting purposes.
	Cardiac disease
	Respiratory disease
	Drug and alcohol abuse
	Dementia
	Delirium, pre-existing
	Mental health problem
	Renal failure with dialysis
	Renal failure NO dialysis
	Epilepsy
	Parkinson's disease
	Stroke
	Spinal cord injury/disease
	Brain injury
	Multiple sclerosis
	Hearing impairment
	Diabetes mellitus
	Morbid obesity
	Inflammatory arthritis
	Osteoarthritis
	Osteoporosis
	Chronic pain
	Cancer
	Pressure ulcer, pre-existing
	Visual impairment
	Other

Source data standard: ieMR problems list with categories accessed via the Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes
Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-Australian Version

Sensory impairments

Definition:	Details about a person's sensory impairments which existed prior to the current episode of
	care.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Blind - L eye
	Blind - R eye
	Hearing deficit - Left ear
	Hearing deficit - Right ear
	Nonverbal
	Sensation - touch deficit
	Speech deficit
	Uncorrected visual impairment
	Other:
Source data standa	rd: Collection source - ieMR

Drug and alcohol history

Definition:	An indicator of a person's tobacco/ alcohol/ substance use history		
Format:	Coded text		
Codeset values:	Use:		
	Yes		
	No		
	Not indicated		
	Details:		
	Current		
	Past		
	Not indicated		
	Substance type (illicit substances only)		
	Amphetamines		
	Cocaine		
	Ecstasy		
	Hallucinogens/LSD		
	Heroin		
	Inhalants/glue/solvents		
	Marijuana		
	Methamphetamines		
	Prescription		
	Medications		
	Other		
	Not indicated		

Psychosocial history – employment status

Source data standard: Collection source - ieMR

Definition:	The person's employment status prior to this impairment		
Format:	Numeric code		
Codeset values:	. Employed		
	2. Unemployed		
	3. Student		
	4. Not in labour force		
	5. Retired for age		
	Retired for disability		
Source data standard:	d: Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-		
	Australian Version		

Psychosocial history – level of education

Definition:	The highest level of education obtained by the person		
Format:	lumeric code		
Codeset values:	1. None		
	2. Highschool		
	3. Some College		
	4. University degree		
	5. Post graduate degree		
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR		

Psychosocial history – preadmission living situation

Definition:	The living situation of the person prior to this episode of care.		
Format:	Numeric code		
Codeset values:	1. Private residence		
	Residential low level care (hostel)		
	3. Residential, high level care (nursing home)		
	4. Community group home		
	5. Boarding house		
	6. Transitional living unit.		
	7. Other		
Source data standard:	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-		
	Australian Version		

Psychosocial history - trauma

Definition:	History related to injuries, abuse or neglect in the household and the type of abuse.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Yes
	No
	Type: Free text – character limited field
Source data standa	rd: Collection source - ieMR

Mood

Definition:	An indicator of mood at the commencement of the rehabilitation episode.	
Format:	Numeral between 0 and 12	
Codeset values:	Total score (0-12)	
	Anxiety sub-scale (0-6, generated from Q1 and Q2)	
	Depression sub-scale (0-6, generated from Q3 and Q4)	
Source data standard:	: Patient Health Questionnaire-4 (PHQ-4) (proposed measure)	

Carer supports

Definition:	The level of carer support received by the patient prior to their current inpatient admission. Include both paid and unpaid support. Paid carer support includes both government funded and private health funded carers. Unpaid carer support include care provided by a relative,		
Format:	friend, partner etc.		
Format:	Numeric code		
Codeset values:	No carer and does not need one.		
	2. No carer and needs one		
	3. Carer not living in		
	4. Carer living in, not co-dependent.		
	5. Carer living in, co-dependent.		
Source data standard:	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-		
	Australian Version		

Community supports

Definition:	Details of the community supports that a person received in the month prior to admission.	
Format:	Y/N	
Codeset values:	Domestic assistance	
	Social support	
	Nursing care	
	Allied health	
	Personal care	
	Meals	
	Provision of goods & equipment	
	Transport services	
	Case management	
Source data standard:	ard: Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-	
	Australian Version	

Admission information

Total length of stay in hospital

Definition:	The total length of patient's inpatient stay calculated from the date of admission to date of separation. This includes all coded episodes of care for the admission (e.g. acute care, rehabilitation, maintenance, palliative care etc)	
Format:	Numeral	
Codeset values:	Any valid numeral	
Source data standard:	data standard: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020-2021 V1.0	

Length of stay of rehabilitation

Definition:	The total length of stay in the rehabilitation unit or service, or the SNAP rehabilitation care date where these is no rehabilitation specific unit (e.g. mixed acute and rehab ward).		
Format:	Numeral		
Codeset values:	Any valid number		
Source data standard: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020-2021 V1.0			

Suspension of rehabilitation

Definition:	he total number of rehabilitation treatment suspension occurrences during this admission.		
Format:	umeral		
Codeset values:	Any valid number (0 where there is no suspension)		
Source data standard:	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Inpatient Data Dictionary V4 for Analysts-		
	Australian Version		

Reason for rehabilitation

Definition:	The primary reason for a patient undergoing a rehabilitation episode of care.			
Format:	Codeo	Coded text		
Codeset values:	RST	Stroke	Left Body Involvement, Right Body Involvement, Bilateral Involvement, No Paresis, Other Stroke	
	RBD	Brain dysfunction	Non–Traumatic –Sub-arachnoid haemorrhage, Anoxic brain damage, Other non-traumatic brain dysfunction, Traumatic -Open Injury, Closed Injury.	
	RNE	Neurological conditions	Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinsonism, Polyneuropathy, Guillian-Barre, Cerebral Palsy, Neuromuscular disorders, Other neurological conditions	

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RSC	Spinal cord dysfunction	Non-Traumatic spinal cord dysfunction -Incomplete paraplegia, Complete paraplegia, Incomplete C1-4 quadriplegia, Incomplete C5-8 quadriplegia, Complete C1-4 quadriplegia, Complete C5-8 quadriplegia, Other non-traumatic spinal cord dysfunction, Traumatic spinal cord dysfunction - Incomplete paraplegia, Complete
		paraplegia, Incomplete C1-4 quadriplegia, Incomplete C5-8 quadriplegia, Complete C1-4 quadriplegia, Complete C5-8 quadriplegia, Other non-traumatic spinal cord dysfunction.
RAL	Amputation of limb	Single upper extremity above the elbow, Single upper extremity below the elbow, Single lower extremity above the knee, Single lower extremity below the knee, Double lower extremity above the knee, Double lower extremity above/below the knee, Double lower extremity below the knee, Partial foot, Other amputation not from trauma
RAR	Arthritis	Rheumatoid Arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Other Arthritis.
RPS	Pain syndromes	Neck pain, Back pain, Extremity pain, Headache, Multisite pain, Other pain.
ROF	Orthopaedic conditions - fractures,	Includes: Fracture of hip -unilateral, Fracture of hip - bilateral, Fracture of shaft of femur, Fracture of pelvis, Fracture of knee, Fracture of lower leg or ankle or foot, Fracture of upper limb, Fracture of spine, Fracture of multiple sites, Other orthopaedic fracture.
ROR	Orthopaedic conditions - replacements	Includes: Hip replacement unilateral or bilateral, Knee replacement – unilateral or bilateral, Knee and hip replacement – same or different side, Shoulder replacement.
ROA	Orthopaedic conditions – all other	Soft tissue injury.
RCA	Cardiac	Following recent onset of new cardiac impairment, Chronic cardiac insufficiency, Heart and heart/lung transplant
RPU	Pulmonary	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Lung transplant, Other pulmonary
RBU	Burns	Burns
RCD	Congenital deformities	Spina Bifida, Other Congenital deformities
ROI	Other disabling impairments	Lymphoedema, Conversion disorder, Other disabling Impairments – that cannot be classified into a specific group.
RMT	Major multiple trauma	Brain and spinal cord injury, Brain and multiple fracture/amputation, Spinal and multiple fracture/amputation, Other multiple trauma.
RDD	Developmental disabilities	Developmental disabilities (excluding Cerebral Palsy)
RDE	Debility	Re-conditioning following surgery, Reconditioning following medical illness, Cancer rehabilitation.

Source data standard:

Service delivery and interventions

Rehabilitation setting

Definition:	The type of patient for which a service is being provided, for example inpatient or outpatient.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	1. Inpatient
	2. Outpatient
	3. Community
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Collaborative goal setting

Definition:	The completion of collaborative patient-centred goal setting to inform rehabilitation care and interventions
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Yes No Type: Free text – character limited field

Intervention date

Definition:	The date that the service event commenced
Format:	DDMMYYY
Codeset values:	Any valid date
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Intervention type

Definition:	The type of intervention provided to a patient during a rehabilitation episode
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Assessment and evaluation (including goal setting)
	2. Education (knowledge, skills and self-management)
	3. Risk Management
	4. Intervention
	5. Liaison and coordination
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Intervention duration

Definition:	The duration of clinical care activity provided to a person or group in the rehabilitation service that can be assigned (in whole or part) to an individual patient
Format:	Numeral, maximum 4 digits
Codeset values:	Valid duration recorded in minutes
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Barriers to intervention

Definition:	Barriers to providing specific interventions to a person in the rehabilitation service by the
	healthcare professional.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Patient absent
	2. Patient declined
	3. Patient in pain
	4. Patient unwell
	5. Other patient reason
	6. Staff-related barrier
	7. Staff reprioritisation due to workload
	8. Staff unavailable
	9. Other staff reason
Source data standar	d: Collection source - ieMR

Treating disciplines

Definition:	Details of the professions involved in the treatment of a patient in a rehabilitation setting, as represented by a code.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Any valid clinician code, grouped for reporting e.g. nursing, allied health professional, allied health assistant, medical
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Occasions of service

Definition:	The number of occasions of service provided to a patient during the rehabilitation episode.
Format:	Numeral
Codeset values:	Any valid numeral
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Intervention - mode of delivery

Definition:	The method of delivery of an intervention between a patient and a healthcare provider.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	1. Face-to-face
	2. Telephone
	3. Telehealth
	4. Chart only
	5. Home visit
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Intervention - individual/ group

Definition:	Whether the intervention is provided to a patient in an individual on-to-one care setting, or in a
	group setting.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	1. Individual
	2. Group
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Intervention – interprofessional

Definition:	Whether the individual intervention is provided by a single discipline or more than one discipline in an interprofessional manner.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Single discipline
	2. Interprofessional
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Medication interventions

Definition:	A list of the medications administered during the rehabilitation episode, sorted
	by therapeutic class.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Any medication, classified for visualisation into therapeutic classes using the
	following categories:
	- Potassium and electrolytes
	- Insulin
	- Narcotics
	- Cytotoxic
	- Heparin and anticoagulants
	- Allergies and antibiotics
	- Other (all other medications)
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Outcomes

Goal attainment

Definition:	The attainment result of goals established on commencement in the rehabilitation setting
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	1. Goal met
	Goal partially met
	3. Goal not met
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Impairment

Definition:	Change/improvement in impairment at the end of rehabilitation episode
Format	TBA
Codeset values:	TBA
Source data standard:	Potential measures used in other datasets: AROC (ASIA Impairment Scale), UKROC (Northwic Park Dependency Scale), ICHOM (Simplified modified Rankin Scale Questionnaire), NSCISC (ASIA Impairment Scale), RIKSSTROKE (non-validated instrument), Paul Coverdell (modified Rankin Scale Questionnaire)

Change in functional status - total

Definition:	The change in FIM score (total), calculated by the FIM scores collected at the beginning of the rehabilitation episode and at the end of the rehabilitation episode for an individual patient.
Format:	Numeral
Codeset values:	Numeral between 18 and 126
Source data	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC) Inpatient Data Dictionary for Analysts
standard:	(AU) V4

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Change in functional status - subscales

Definition:	The change in FIM subscale scores (motor and cognition), calculated by the FIM sub-scale scores collected at the beginning of the rehabilitation episode and at the end of the rehabilitation episode for an individual patient.
Format:	Numeral
Codeset values:	Motor subscale (sum of individual motor items): numeral between 13 and 91.
	Cognition subscale (sum of individual cognition items): numeral between 5 and 35.
Source data	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC) Inpatient Data Dictionary for Analysts
standard:	(AU) V4

Activity and participation

Status: Routine clinical information

Definition:	Level of activity and participation obtained at the end of rehabilitation episode. <i>Note: Need to consider timing of this assessment given consumer experience of rehabilitation being a lifelong journey</i>
Format:	TBA
Codeset values:	TBA
Source data standard:	Potential measures used in other datasets: AROC (Employment status; Return to pre- impairment activities), UKROC (Mayo-Portland Adaptability Inventory), CIHI (Reintegration to Normal Living index), NSW BIRD (Mayo-Portland Adaptability Inventory; PROMIS-29), ICHOM (PROMIS-10), RHSCIR (Craig Hospital Inventory of Environmental Factors), NSCISC (Craig Handicap Assessment and Reporting Technique - short form), RIKSSTROKE (non-validated instrument)

Health related quality of life

Definition:	The impact of health or disease on quality of life; how well a person functions in their life and his or her perceived wellbeing in physical, mental, and social domains of health; value of health states (reference: Kirimi and Brazier, 2016)
Format:	TBC
Codeset values:	TBC
Source data standard:	Potential tools used in other datasets: EQ-5D, PROMIS, SF-36

Patient experience

Definition:	Information about the patient's perception of the experience of inpatient rehabilitation
Format:	TBC
Codeset values:	TBC
Source data standard:	TBC

Patient satisfaction

Definition:	A measure of a patient's overall satisfaction with the rehabilitation episode
Format:	TBC
Codeset values:	TBC
Source data standard:	TBC

Complications and adverse events

Definition:	A hospital-acquired complication (HAC) refers to a complication for which clinical risk mitigation strategies may reduce (but not necessarily eliminate) the risk of that complication occurring.
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Pressure injury
	2. Falls resulting in fracture or intracranial injury
	Healthcare associated infection
	Respiratory complications
	5. Venous thromboembolism

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6.	Renal failure
7.	Gastrointestinal bleeding
8.	Medication complications
9.	Delirium
10.	Persistent incontinence
11.	Malnutrition
12.	Cardiac complications
	oital acquired complications v3.1 Hospital-Acquired Complications (HACs) List -
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Number of readmissions

Definition:	An avoidable hospital readmission occurs when a patient who has been discharged from hospital (index admission) is admitted again within 28 days, and the readmission is a) clinically related to the index admission, and b) has the potential to be avoided through improved clinical management and/or appropriate discharge planning in the index admission
Format:	Numeral
Codeset values:	Any valid numeral
Source data standard	: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) 2020-2021 V1.0

Caregiver information and outcomes

Current caregiver status

Definition:	The current caregiver status of the person to take on the caregiving role after the rehabilitation episode
Format:	Coded text
Codeset values:	Yes, currently caregiver for this person
	2. No, not currently caregiver for this person
Source data standard:	Collection source - ieMR

Caregiver capacity and willingness to care

Definition:	The physical, emotional, social, and psychological capacity and willingness to take on the planned caregiver role, as assessed early in the rehabilitation episode.
Format:	TBA
Codeset values:	TBA
Source data standard:	Suggested tool: Preparedness for Caregiving Scale (Henriksson et al 2013)

Caregiver preparedness

Caregiver reflection on how prepared they were in taking on the caregiving role, as assessed after completion of the rehabilitation episode
TBA
TBA
Suggested tool: Preparedness for Caregiving Scale (Henriksson et al 2013)

Caregiver experience

Definition:	The caregiver's experience with the rehabilitation episode, as experienced by them (not as a proxy for the patient)
Format:	TBA
Codeset values:	TBA
Source data standard:	TBA – no tool identified.