Health professional—area of clinical practice (principal), code ANN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Principal area of clinical practice
METEOR identifier:	270144
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 10/12/2009
Definition:	Principal area of clinical practice is defined as either the field of principal professional clinical activity or the primary area of responsibility, depending on the profession, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Health professional—area of clinical practice (principal)
Value Domain:	Area of clinical practice code ANN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN
Maximum character length:	3

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	A11	General Practitioner (GP)/primary medical care practitioner - general practice
	A12	GP/primary medical care practitioner - a special interest area (specified)
	A21	GP/primary medical care practitioner - vocationally registered
	A22	GP/primary medical care practitioner - holder of fellowship of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
	A23	GP/primary medical care practitioner - RACGP trainee
	A24	GP/primary medical care practitioner - other
	B31	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - Resident Medical Officer (RMO)/intern
	B32	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other hospital career
	B41	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - holder of Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Training
	B42	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - RACGP trainee
	B44	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other
	B51	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - specialist (includes private and hospital)
	B52	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - specialist in training (e.g. registrar)
	B90	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - not applicable
	C01	Nurse labour force - mixed medical/surgical nursing

C02	Nurse labour force - medical nursing
C03	Nurse labour force - surgical nursing
C04	Nurse labour force - operating theatre nursing
C05	Nurse labour force - intensive care nursing
C06	Nurse labour force - paediatric nursing
C07	Nurse labour force - maternity and obstetric nursing
C08	Nurse labour force - psychiatric/mental health nursing
C09	Nurse labour force - developmental disability nursing
C10	Nurse labour force - gerontology/geriatric nursing
C11	Nurse labour force - accident and emergency nursing
C12	Nurse labour force - community health nursing
C13	Nurse labour force - child health nursing
C14	Nurse labour force - school nursing
C15	Nurse labour force - district/domiciliary nursing
C16	Nurse labour force - occupational health nursing
C17	Nurse labour force - private medical practice nursing
C18	Nurse labour force - independent practice
C19	Nurse labour force - independent midwifery practice
C20	Nurse labour force - no one principal area of practice
C98	Nurse labour force - other (specify)
C99	Nurse labour force - unknown/inadequately described/not stated

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Specifics will vary for each profession as appropriate and will be reflected in the classification/coding that is applied. Classification within the National Health Labour Force Collection is profession-specific.

Comments: The nursing labour force-specific codes are subject to revision because of changes in the profession and should be read in the context of the comments below.

It is strongly recommended that, in the case of the nurse labour force, further disaggregation be avoided as much as possible. The reason for this recommendation is that any expansion of the classification to include specific specialty areas (e.g. cardiology, otorhinolaryngology, gynaecology etc.) will only capture data from hospitals with dedicated wards or units; persons whose clinical practice includes a mix of cases within a single ward setting (as in the majority of country and minor metropolitan hospitals) will not be included in any single specialty count, leading to a risk of the data being misinterpreted. The data would show a far lower number of practitioners involved in providing services to patients with some of the listed specialty conditions than is the case.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Labour Force Data Working Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, midwifery code NN](#)
	[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009
	Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, nursing code NN](#)
	[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009
	Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, dental code NN](#)
	[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009
	Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, psychology code NN](#)
	[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009
	Is re-engineered from [Principal area of clinical practice, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (22.7 KB)
	No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Health labour force NMDS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 10/12/2009
Implementation start date: 01/07/2005
DSS specific information:

To analyse distribution of clinical service providers by the area of their principal clinical practice. Cross-classified with other data, this metadata item allows analysis of geographic distribution and profiles of population subsets. Required for health labour force modelling.