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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Cervical screening indicator |
| Synonymous names: | Pap smear indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 358921 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a female person has had a cervical screening, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Female—cervical screening indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/358915) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/301747) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Boolean | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 9    Not stated/inadequately described  This code is not for use in primary data collections. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | Currently, the screening test for cervical cancer is the Pap test (the terms Pap test and Pap smear are often used interchangeably), which is carried out by a general practitioner, nurse, or gynaecologist. During a Pap test, cells are collected from the surface of the cervix, transferred onto a slide or into a special liquid, and sent to a pathology laboratory for assessment. Details of the woman, the Pap test results, and any follow-up that may be recommended are then stored on a cervical cytology register (AIHW 2009).  Early detection and treatment of cervical cancer leads to a reduction of morbidity and mortality due to the disease. It is recommended that women aged 18-69 years, who have ever had sex, have a cervical screening every two years (DoH 2013). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2009. Cervical screening in Australia 2006–2007. Cancer series no. 47. Cat. no. CAN 43. Canberra: AIHW.  DoH (Australian Government Department of Health) 2013. National Cervical Screening Program: The Pap Smear. Canberra: DoH. Viewed 4 November 2014, <<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/papsmear>>. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686938)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Indigenous primary health care DSS 2012-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430629)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 21/11/2013  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 21/11/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Indigenous primary health care DSS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.  This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 20 to 69 years.  [Indigenous primary health care DSS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504325)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 13/03/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Indigenous primary health care DSS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.  This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 20 to 69 years.  [Indigenous primary health care DSS 2015-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/585036)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Indigenous primary health care DSS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.  This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 20 to 69 years.  [Prison entrants DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/395955)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 28/04/2016  ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is conditional on the respondent being female.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the Prison entrants DSS, this data element refers to females reporting having had a cervical screen within the last two years.  This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of female prison entrants who report that they have had a Pap smear in the last two years. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of female regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/438211)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 21/11/2013  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 21/11/2013  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504790)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 13/03/2015  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/589075)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 20/01/2017  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663982)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of female regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/438215)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 21/11/2013  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 21/11/2013  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504793)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2015  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 13/03/2015  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/589077)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 20/01/2017  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663984)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018 |