

# **Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs— drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN**

**Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)**

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Principal drug of concern
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	467699
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/12/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	The main drug, as stated by the client, that has led a person to seek treatment from the service, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Required as an indicator of the client's treatment needs.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Drug of concern (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Standard Classification of Drugs of Concern 2011</a>	
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	String	
<b>Format:</b>	NNNN	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4	

	Value	Meaning
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	0005	Opioid analgesics not further defined
	0006	Psychostimulants not further defined

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The Australian Standard Classification of Drugs of Concern (ASCDC) provides a number of supplementary codes that have specific uses and these are detailed within the ASCDC, e.g. 0000 = inadequately described.</p> <p>Other supplementary codes that are not already specified in the ASCDC may be used in National Minimum Data Sets (NMDS) when required. In the Alcohol and other drug treatment service NMDS, two additional supplementary codes have been created which enable a finer level of detail to be captured:</p> <p><b>CODE 0005    Opioid analgesics not further defined</b></p> <p>This code is to be used when it is known that the client's principal drug of concern is an opioid but the specific opioid used is not known. The existing code 1000 combines opioid analgesics and non-opioid analgesics together into Analgesics nfd and the finer level of detail, although known, is lost.</p> <p><b>CODE 0006    Psychostimulants not further defined</b></p> <p>This code is to be used when it is known that the client's principal drug of concern is a psychostimulant but not which type. The existing code 3000 combines stimulants and hallucinogens together into Stimulants and hallucinogens nfd and the finer level of detail, although known, is lost.</p> <p>Psychostimulants refer to the types of drugs that would normally be coded to 3100-3199, 3300-3399 and 3400-3499 categories plus 3903 and 3905.</p>
-----------------------	---

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	The principal drug of concern should be the main drug of concern to the client and is the focus of the client's treatment episode. If the client has been referred into treatment and does not nominate a drug of concern, then the drug involved in the client's referral should be chosen.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	<p>To be collected on commencement of the treatment episode.</p> <p>For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this metadata item should not be collected.</p>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group
---------------------------------	--

### Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	<p>Supersedes <a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), code (ASCDC 2000 extended) NNNN</a> Health, Superseded 07/12/2011</p>
<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<p><a href="#">Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2012-13</a> Health, Superseded 07/02/2013 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2012 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2013</p> <p><a href="#">Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15</a> Health, Superseded 13/11/2014 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2013 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2015</p> <p><a href="#">Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18</a> Health, Superseded 06/09/2018 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2015 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2018 <b>Conditional obligation:</b></p> <p>This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is</p>

related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019-20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020-21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021-22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2022-23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2024

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2024-25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2024

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2025

**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

