Prison dischargee—communicable disease test, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Communicable disease test |
| METEOR identifier: | 624975 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 28/04/2016 |
| Definition: | The type of communicable disease a prison dischargee has been tested for during their most recent imprisonment, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Prison dischargee—communicable disease test](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/624977) |
| Value Domain: | [Communicable disease code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/624969) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) |
|  | 2 | Hepatitis B |
|  | 3 | Hepatitis C |
|  | 4 | Sexually-transmissible infections |
|  | 5 | None of the above |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Unknown |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is to be used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.  CODE 1   Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)  HIV refers to a condition where there is progressive failure of the immune system which can lead to infections, cancers and AIDS.  CODE 2   Hepatitis B  Hepatitis B is a bloodborne viral disease that can be transmitted from one person to another through unprotected sex, blood-to-blood contact or sharing of injecting equipment. Hepatitis B causes inflammation of the liver and over time can lead to cirrhosis of the liver, chronic liver damage, liver failure and liver cancer.  CODE 3   Hepatitis C  Hepatitis C is a bloodborne viral disease, which is transmitted through blood-to-blood contact. Hepatitis C can result in problems such as chronic liver damage, liver cancer and cirrhosis.   CODE 4  Sexually transmissible infections  Sexually-transmissible infections refers to illness that has been transferred by means of human sexual behaviour and includes chlamydia, gonorrhoea, herpes HPV and syphilis. |
| Comments: | The Fourth National Hepatitis C Strategy 2014–2017 lists people in custodial settings as a priority population because of their increased risk of infection due to non-sterile injecting equipment, sharing of tattooing and piercing equipment, and other blood-to-blood contact (DoH 2014a).  While a vaccination exists, prisoners are recognised in the Second National Hepatitis B Strategy as being at increased risk due to low vaccination rates (DoH 2014b).  Prisoners are recognised in the 3rd National Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2014–2017 as a priority population due to their high-risk behaviours (DoH 2014c). |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | DoH 2014a. Fourth national hepatitis C strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.  DoH 2014b. Second national hepatitis B strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.  DoH 2014c. Third national sexually transmissible infections strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health. |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Multiple options may be selected for codes 1 to 4. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Prison dischargee—communicable disease test, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/483758)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 28/04/2016 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Prison dischargee NBEDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/624543)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 28/04/2016  ***Conditional obligation:***  Conditional on the prison dischargee having been tested for at least one of HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or Sexually-transmissible infection.  ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees who were tested for a bloodborne virus or a sexually-transmissible infection. |