Person—method of dementia diagnosis, code NN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Method of dementia diagnosis |
| METEOR identifier: | 737972 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2022 |
| Definition: | The method a clinician used to [**diagnose**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327224)[**dementia**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737874) in a person, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—method of dementia diagnosis](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737967)  |
| Value Domain: | [Method of dementia diagnosis code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737970) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | NN |
| Maximum character length: | 2 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 01 | Physical examination |
|   | 02 | Neurological examination |
|   | 03 | Cognitive test |
|   | 04 | Function test |
|   | 05 | Blood screening |
|   | 06 | Structural neuroimaging (CT or MRI) |
|   | 07 | Functional neuroimaging including amyloid (PET or FDG) |
|   | 08 | X-ray |
|   | 09 | Lumbar puncture |
|   | 10 | Information from family and or carer |
|   | 20 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 99  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | All methods used to diagnose dementia should be selected. CODE 01     Physical examinationA physical examination is an examination of a patient for any possible medical signs or symptoms of a medical condition. The examination is conducted by a medical practitioner.  CODE 02     Neurological examinationA neurological assessment focuses on the nervous system to assess and identify any abnormalities that affect function and activities of daily living. CODE 03     Cognitive testA cognitive test assesses general cognitive ability (also known as general mental ability or aptitude). CODE 04     Function testA function test uses daily activities to monitor disease progression. CODE 05     Blood screeningBlood screening is used in health care to determine physiological and biochemical states, such as disease, mineral content, pharmaceutical drug effectiveness, and organ function. CODE 06     Structural neuroimaging (CT or MRI)Neuroimaging includes the use of various techniques to either directly or indirectly image the structure or function of the brain. CODE 07     Functional neuroimaging including amyloid (PET or FDG)It is a nuclear medicine imaging test in which a mildly radioactive substance is injected into the body and is used to diagnose a variety of diseases.  CODE 08     X-rayAn x-ray uses radiation to create a picture of the inside of the body.  CODE 09     Lumbar punctureA lumbar puncture (also referred to as a ‘spinal tap’) is a diagnostic test involving inserting a needle into the lower back to extract fluid that sits around the spinal cord. CODE 10     Information from family and or carerAn interview with family or carer may be used to assist with the diagnosis. |

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

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| Data element attributes  |
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| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Dementia clinical diagnosis cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/737891)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2022 |