

# Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—client type

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269555
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The status of a person in terms of whether the treatment episode concerns their own alcohol and/or other drug use or that of another person.
<b>Context:</b>	Alcohol and other drug treatment services

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	The period of contact, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, between a client and a treatment provider or team of providers in which there is no change in the main treatment type or the principal drug of concern, and there has not been a non-planned absence of contact for greater than three months.
<b>Context:</b>	Alcohol and drug treatment services. This concept is required to provide the basis for a standard approach to recording and monitoring patterns of service utilisation by clients.
<b>Specialisation of:</b>	<a href="#">Service episode</a>

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>A treatment episode must have a defined date of commencement of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs and a date of cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs.</p> <p>A treatment episode can have only one main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs and only one principal drug of concern. If the main treatment or principal drug changes then the treatment episode is closed and a new treatment episode is opened.</p> <p>A treatment episode may also be considered closed (ceased) if there is a change in the treatment delivery setting or the service delivery outlet. Where the change reflects a substantial alteration in the nature of the treatment episode, for instance where an agency operates in more than one treatment setting (or outlet) they may consider that a change from one setting (or outlet), to another necessitates closure of one episode and commencement of a new one.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Is taken as the period starting from the date of commencement of treatment and ending at the date of cessation of treatment episode.

### Source and reference attributes

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

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Client type](#)

**Definition:** Whether treatment is focused on the client's conditions and problems or on those of another person.

**Property group:** [Service provision event](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—client type, code N](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

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