Person—body mass index (classification)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269558
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Indigenous, Standard 13/03/2015
Definition:	The category of weight deficit or excess in adults and weight excess only in children and adolescents.
Context:	Public health and health care: BMI is used as an indicator of underweight, normal or healthy weight and overweight and obesity in adults and of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents. On a population basis there is a strong association between BMI and health risk.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Person
Definition:	A human being.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '…whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd
Reference documents:	Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Body mass index

Definition: A measure of body fat that gives an indication of nutritional status. Body mass index is the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters.

Property group: Physical characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary 30th ed. Philadelphia: Saunders

Data element concept attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: World Health Organization (see also Comments) and the consortium to develop an Australian standard definition of child/adolescent overweight and obesity; at the Children's Hospital at Westmead on behalf of the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing

Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: Person—body mass index (classification), code N[.N]
Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Indigenous, Standard 13/03/2015