

# Health professional—area of clinical practice (principal)

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- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** Principal area of clinical practice is defined as either the field of principal professional clinical activity or the primary area of responsibility, depending on the profession. It may be described in terms of the particular discipline, skills or knowledge field of the profession, whether general or specialised; or described in terms of the principal client group; or described by the principal activity of an institution, or section of an institution, where clinical practice takes place.

**Context:** Health labour force

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Health professional](#)

**Definition:** A person whose primary employment role is to diagnose and treat physical and mental illnesses and conditions or recommend, administer, dispense and develop medications and treatment to promote or restore good health.

**Specialisation of:** [Service/care provider](#)

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Health professionals include medical practitioners, nursing professionals, dental practitioners, pharmacists, physiotherapists and podiatrists.

### Source and reference attributes

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

**Origin:** ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 1997. Australian Standard Classification of Occupations, 2nd ed. Cat. no. 1220.0. Canberra: ABS

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Area of clinical practice](#)

**Definition:** A field of clinical activity or area of responsibility.

**Property group:** [Labour characteristics](#)

### 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:**

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