

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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