

Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), code (ASCDC 2000 extended) NNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Principal drug of concern
METEOR identifier:	270109
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 07/12/2011
Definition:	The main drug, as stated by the client, that has led a person to seek treatment from the service, as represented by a code.
Context:	Required as an indicator of the client's treatment needs.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern
METEOR identifier:	269868
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACT Health (retired), Candidate 09/08/2018• Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The drug of concern during an episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.
Context:	Alcohol and other drug treatment services.
Object class:	Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs
Property:	Drug of concern

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Drug of concern (ASCDC 2000 extended) code NNNN
METEOR identifier:	270698

Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

Definition: The ASCDC (2000) code set representing drug of concern.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: [Australian Standard Classification of Drugs of Concern 2000](#)

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: NNNN

Maximum character length: 4

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
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0005	Opioid analgesics not further defined
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0006	Psychostimulants not further defined
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The Australian Standard Classification of Drugs of Concern (ASCDC) provides a number of supplementary codes that have specific uses and these are detailed within the ASCDC e.g. 0000 = inadequately described.

Other supplementary codes that are not already specified in the ASCDC may be used in National Minimum Data Sets (NMDS) when required. In the Alcohol and other drug treatment service NMDS, two additional supplementary codes have been created which enable a finer level of detail to be captured:

CODE 0005 Opioid analgesics not further defined

This code is to be used when it is known that the client's principal drug of concern is an opioid but the specific opioid used is not known. The existing code 1000 combines opioid analgesics and non-opioid analgesics together into Analgesics nfd and the finer level of detail, although known, is lost.

CODE 0006 Psychostimulants not further defined

This code is to be used when it is known that the client's principal drug of concern is a psychostimulant but not which type. The existing code 3000 combines stimulants and hallucinogens together into Stimulants and hallucinogens nfd and the finer level of detail, although known, is lost.

Psychostimulants refer to the types of drugs that would normally be coded to 3100-3199, 3300-3399 and 3400-3499 categories plus 3903 and 3905.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The principal drug of concern should be the main drug of concern to the client and is the focus of the client's treatment episode. If the client has been referred into treatment and does not nominate a drug of concern, then the drug involved in the client's referral should be chosen.

Collection methods: To be collected on commencement of the treatment episode.


For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this metadata item should not be collected.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Principal drug of concern, version 3, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.5 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern \(principal\), \(ASCDC 2011 extended\) code NNNN](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health](#), Superseded 21/03/2006

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-08 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2008-10 Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2010-11 Health](#), Superseded 24/12/2010

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