

Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of use for principal drug of concern
METEOR identifier:	270111
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012• Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The client's self-reported usual method of administering the principal drug of concern, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code														
Data type:	Number														
Format:	N														
Maximum character length:	1														
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes


Guide for use:	CODE 1 Refers to eating or drinking as the method of administering the principal drug of concern.
Collection methods:	Collect only for principal drug of concern. To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.

Comments: Identification of drug use methods is important for minimising specific harms associated with drug use, and is consequently of value for informing treatment approaches.

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Method of use for principal drug of concern, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.7 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Client—method of drug use \(principal drug of concern\), code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDSHealth](#), Superseded 21/03/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDSHealth](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2006

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-08Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2008-10Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2010-11Health](#), Superseded 24/12/2010

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07/12/2011

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded
07/02/2013

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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2013-15Health](#), Superseded
13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18Health](#), Superseded
06/09/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19ACT Health \(retired\)](#),
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[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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