

Client—injecting drug use status, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Injecting drug use status
METEOR identifier:	270113
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 06/02/2012• Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The client's use of injection as a method of administering drugs, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Client—injecting drug use status

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

Collection methods:	To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service. For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this metadata item should not be collected.
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Comments: This metadata item has been developed for use in clinical settings. A code that refers to a three-month period to define 'current' injecting drug use is required as a clinically relevant period of time.

The metadata item may also be used in population surveys that require a longer timeframe, for example to generate 12-month prevalence rates, by aggregating Codes 1 and 2. However, caution must be exercised when comparing clinical samples with population samples.

This metadata item is important for identifying patterns of drug use and harms associated with injecting drug use.

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Injecting drug use status, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.8 KB) *No registration status*

Has been superseded by [Client—injecting drug use status, code N](#)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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDSHealth](#), Superseded 21/03/2006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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDSHealth](#), Superseded 23/10/2006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

Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-08Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation start date: 01/07/2007

Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2008-10Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2011-12Health](#), Superseded
07/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[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 \(retired\)](#),
Candidate 09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

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