Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—number of service contacts, total N[NN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of service contacts within a treatment episode for alcohol and other drug |
| METEOR identifier: | 270117 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | The total number of service contacts recorded between a client and the service provider within a treatment episode for the purpose of providing alcohol and other drug treatment. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—number of service contacts](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269580) |
| Value Domain: | [Total service contacts N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270706) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
| Unit of measure: | Service contact | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This metadata item is a count of service contacts related to treatment that are recorded on a client record. Any client contact that does not constitute part of a treatment should not be considered a service contact. Contact with the client for administrative purposes, such as arranging an appointment, should not be included.  This item is not collected for residential clients.  Where multiple service provider staff have contact with the client at the same time, on the same occasion of service, the contact is counted only once.  When multiple service contacts are recorded on the same day, each independent contact should be counted separately. |
| Collection methods: | To be collated at the close of a treatment episode. |
| Comments: | This metadata item provides a measure of the frequency of client contact and service utilisation within a treatment episode. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Is re-engineered from  [Number of service contacts within a treatment episode for alcohol and other drug, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273801)  (14.6 KB)  *No registration status* |