Medical practitioner—hours worked (in direct patient care), total NNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Hours worked by medical practitioner in direct patient care
METEOR identifier:	270137
Registration status:	[Health,](#) Superseded 10/12/2009
Definition:	The number of hours worked in a week by a medical practitioner on service provision to patients including direct contact with patients, providing care, instructions and counselling, and providing other related services such as writing referrals, prescriptions and phone calls.
Context:	Health labour force
Data Element Concept:	[Medical practitioner—hours worked](#)
Value Domain:	[Total hours NNN](#)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	String
Format:	NNN
Maximum character length:	3

	Value	**Meaning**
Supplementary values:	999	Not stated/inadequately described

Unit of measure:	Hour (h)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Total hours expressed as 000, 001 etc.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This metadata item relates to each position (job) held by a medical practitioner, not the aggregate of hours worked for all jobs.
Collection methods:	There are inherent problems in asking for information on number of hours usually worked per week in direct patient care, for example, reaching a satisfactory definition and communicating this definition to the respondents in a self-administered survey. Whether hours worked in direct patient care are collected for main job only, or main job and one or more additional jobs, it is important that a total for all jobs is included.
Comments:	It is often argued that health professionals contribute a considerable amount of time to voluntary professional work and that this component needs to be identified. This should be considered as an additional item, and kept segregated from data on paid hours worked.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Labour Force Data Working Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—hours worked in clinical role, total hours NNN](#)
[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

Is re-engineered from [Hours worked by medical practitioner in direct patient care, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.7 KB)
No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Health labour force NMDS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 10/12/2009
Implementation start date: 01/07/2005
DSS specific information:

Value must be less than 127 (except for 999).

Used in relation to issues of economic activity, productivity, wage rates, working conditions etc. Used to develop capacity measures relating to total time available. Assists in analysis of human resource requirements and labour force modelling.