Health professional—area of clinical practice (principal), code ANN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Principal area of clinical practice |
| METEOR identifier: | 270144 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 10/12/2009 |
| Definition: | Principal area of clinical practice is defined as either the field of principal professional clinical activity or the primary area of responsibility, depending on the profession, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Health professional—area of clinical practice (principal)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269604) |
| Value Domain: | [Area of clinical practice code ANN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270725) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | ANN | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | A11 | General Practitioner (GP)/primary medical care practitioner - general practice |
|  | A12 | GP/primary medical care practitioner - a special interest area (specified) |
|  | A21 | GP/primary medical care practitioner - vocationally registered |
|  | A22 | GP/primary medical care practitioner - holder of fellowship of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) |
|  | A23 | GP/primary medical care practitioner - RACGP trainee |
|  | A24 | GP/primary medical care practitioner - other |
|  | B31 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - Resident Medical Officer (RMO)/intern |
|  | B32 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other hospital career |
|  | B41 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - holder of Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Training |
|  | B42 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - RACGP trainee |
|  | B44 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other |
|  | B51 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - specialist (includes private and hospital) |
|  | B52 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - specialist in training (e.g. registrar) |
|  | B90 | Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - not applicable |
|  | C01 | Nurse labour force - mixed medical/surgical nursing |
|  | C02 | Nurse labour force - medical nursing |
|  | C03 | Nurse labour force - surgical nursing |
|  | C04 | Nurse labour force - operating theatre nursing |
|  | C05 | Nurse labour force - intensive care nursing |
|  | C06 | Nurse labour force - paediatric nursing |
|  | C07 | Nurse labour force - maternity and obstetric nursing |
|  | C08 | Nurse labour force - psychiatric/mental health nursing |
|  | C09 | Nurse labour force - developmental disability nursing |
|  | C10 | Nurse labour force - gerontology/geriatric nursing |
|  | C11 | Nurse labour force - accident and emergency nursing |
|  | C12 | Nurse labour force - community health nursing |
|  | C13 | Nurse labour force - child health nursing |
|  | C14 | Nurse labour force - school nursing |
|  | C15 | Nurse labour force - district/domiciliary nursing |
|  | C16 | Nurse labour force - occupational health nursing |
|  | C17 | Nurse labour force - private medical practice nursing |
|  | C18 | Nurse labour force - independent practice |
|  | C19 | Nurse labour force - independent midwifery practice |
|  | C20 | Nurse labour force - no one principal area of practice |
|  | C98 | Nurse labour force - other (specify) |
|  | C99 | Nurse labour force - unknown/inadequately described/not stated |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Specifics will vary for each profession as appropriate and will be reflected in the classification/coding that is applied. Classification within the National Health Labour Force Collection is profession-specific. |
| Comments: | The nursing labour force-specific codes are subject to revision because of changes in the profession and should be read in the context of the comments below.  It is strongly recommended that, in the case of the nurse labour force, further disaggregation be avoided as much as possible. The reason for this recommendation is that any expansion of the classification to include specific specialty areas (e.g. cardiology, otorhinolaryngology, gynaecology etc.) will only capture data from hospitals with dedicated wards or units; persons whose clinical practice includes a mix of cases within a single ward setting (as in the majority of country and minor metropolitan hospitals) will not be included in any single specialty count, leading to a risk of the data being misinterpreted. The data would show a far lower number of practitioners involved in providing services to patients with some of the listed specialty conditions than is the case. |
| 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—principal area of practice, midwifery code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/382168)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/12/2009  Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, nursing code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/377983)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/12/2009  Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, dental code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/377981)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/12/2009  Has been superseded by [Registered health professional—principal area of practice, psychology code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/377985)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 10/12/2009  Is re-engineered from  [Principal area of clinical practice, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273162)  (22.7 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Health labour force NMDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273041)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 10/12/2009  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2005 ***DSS specific information:***  To analyse distribution of clinical service providers by the area of their principal clinical practice. Cross-classified with other data, this metadata item allows analysis of geographic distribution and profiles of population subsets. Required for health labour force modelling. |