

Patient—previous specialised treatment, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Previous specialised treatment
METEOR identifier:	270374
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	Whether a patient has had a previous admission or service contact for treatment in the specialty area within which treatment is now being provided, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—previous specialised treatment
Value Domain:	Previous specialised treatment code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Patient has no previous admission(s) or service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
	2	Patient has previous hospital admission(s) but no service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
	3	Patient has previous service contact(s) but no hospital admission(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
	4	Patient has both previous hospital admission(s) and service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
Supplementary values:	5	Unknown/not stated

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Patient has no previous admission(s) or service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided

Use this code for admitted patients, whose only prior specialised treatment contact was the service contact that referred the patient for admission.

CODES 2-4 These codes include patients who have been seen at any time in the past within the speciality within which the patient is currently being treated (mental health or palliative care), regardless of whether it was part of the current episode or a previous admission/service contact many years in the past. Use these codes regardless of whether the previous treatment was provided within the service in which the person is now being treated, or another equivalent specialised service (either institutional or community-based).

CODE 2 Patient has previous hospital admission(s) but no service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided

CODE 3 Patient has previous service contact(s) but no hospital admission(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided

CODE 4 Patient has both previous hospital admission(s) and service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: This metadata item was originally developed in the context of mental health institutional care data development (originally metadata item Problem status and later First admission for psychiatric treatment). More recent data development work, particularly in the area of palliative care, led to the need for this item to be re-worded in more generic terms for inclusion in other data sets.


For palliative care, the value of this data element is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this data element in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Mental Health Information Strategy Committee

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Previous specialised treatment, version 3, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.7 KB)
No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17 Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017
Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2017-18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2017
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018
Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019
Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2019-20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
Implementation start date: 01/07/2019
Implementation end date: 30/06/2020
Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2021
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23](#)

Health, Superseded 20/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2023–24](#)

Health, Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2024–25](#)

Health, Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024

Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

Conditional obligation:

Only supplied for mental health care patients and palliative care patients.

DSS specific information:

For palliative care patients, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS](#)

Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2006

Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS](#)

Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2007-08](#)

Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation start date: 01/07/2007

Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2008-09](#)

Health, Superseded 04/02/2009

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Implementation end date: 30/06/2009

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2009-10](#)

Health, Superseded 05/01/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2010-11](#)

Health, Superseded 18/01/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2011-12](#)

Health, Superseded 07/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2012-13](#)

Health, Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2013-14](#)

Health, Superseded 15/10/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2014-15](#)

Health, Superseded 04/02/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2015-16](#)

Health, Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS](#)

Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2006-07](#)

Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2006

Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2007-08](#)

Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation start date: 01/07/2007

Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2008-09](#)

Health, Superseded 04/02/2009

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Implementation end date: 30/06/2009

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2009-10](#)

Health, Superseded 05/01/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/12/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 15/10/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

[Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

DSS specific information: For palliative care, the value of this item is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this metadata item in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.