Principal area of clinical practice

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000135 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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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. It may be described in terms of the particular discipline, skills or knowledge field of the profession, whether general or specialised; or described in terms of the principal client group; or described by the principal activity of an institution, or section of an institution, where clinical practice takes

place.

Context: Health labour force:

To analyse distribution of clinical service providers by the area of their principal clinical practice. Cross-classified with other data, this item allows analysis of geographic distribution and profiles of population subsets. Required for health labour force modelling.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation ANN

layout:

Minimum Size: 3 Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: A11 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
A24	trainee GP/primary medical care practitioner - other
B31	·
DOI	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - Resident Medical Officer (RMO)/intern
B32	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other hospital
DJZ	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
С	The following nursing codes are subject to revision
	because of changes in the profession and should be
	read in the context of the comments below:
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
040	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
010	nursing
C18	Nurse labour force - independent practice
C19	Nurse labour force - independent midwifery

practice

C20 Nurse labour force - no one principal area of

oractice

C98 Nurse labour force - other (specify)

C99 Nurse labour force - unknown/inadequately

described/not stated

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.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Labour Force Data Working Group

Comments: The comments that follow apply to the nurse labour force

specifically.

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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Labour characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Health labour force From 01-Jul-95 to