
Total hours worked by a medical practitioner

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000394 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The total hours worked in a week in a job by a medical practitioner, including any on-call hours actually worked (includes patient care and administration).

Context: Health labour force: 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. Used to determine full-time and part-time work status and to compute full-time equivalents (FTE) (see entry for FTE).

Often the definition for full-time or FTE differs (35, 37.5 and 40 hours) and knowing total hours and numbers of individuals allows for variances in FTE.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout: NNN
Minimum Size: 3
Maximum Size: 3
Data Domain: 999 Not stated/inadequately described
 NOVAL Total hours, expressed as 000, 001 etc.
Guide For Use: Code 999 for not stated / inadequately described

Data element relates to each position (job) held by a medical practitioner, not the aggregate of hours worked in all.

Verification Rules: Value must be less than 169 (except for 999).

Collection Methods: There are inherent problems in asking for information on number of hours usually worked per week, for example, reaching a satisfactory definition and communicating this definition to the respondents in a self-administered survey. Whether hours worked 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.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Hours worked by medical practitioner in direct patient care version 2
relates to the data element Hours on-call (not worked) by medical practitioner version 2
supersedes previous data element Hours worked version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Labour Force Data Working Group

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.

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-97 to
