# Commencement of treatment

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## Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

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Definition: Commencement of treatment is the first service contact when

assessment and/or treatment occurs with the service provider.

Context: Alcohol and other drug treatment services.

### Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Guide For Use: A client is identified as commencing treatment if one or more of

the following apply:

they are a new client;

- they have had no contact with the service for a period of three

months, nor plan in place for further contact;

- their Principal drug of concern has changed.

Commencement would not normally include client intake before assessment, for example those clients on waiting lists, nor would

it include telephone or triage assessment

#### Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs NMDS-WG

#### Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element