Age

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: Age is the measure of the time elapsed from a person's Date of birth

to the Date of first delivery of service.

Context: Age is described by the ABS as 'one of the basic demographic

variables used in all social, labour and demographic collections'. The item is widely used in cross classification with other variables such

as sex, marital status, occupation, etc?

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational QUANTITATIVE VALUE

form:

Representation NNN

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL Age in years

Guide For Use: When using age categories for analysis of age-related data, the

ABS conventions/cohorts should be adhered to. In most instances the ABS calculates age to the nearest year and represents aggregated data in cohorts of five or ten years.

Verification Rules: A flag convention should be used to indicate an estimate has been

provided when the actual date of birth is not known (see item C-

2).

Collection Methods: Age is calculated by counting the time elapsed from Date of Birth

(C-2) to the Date of first delivery of service (S-5). This is usually an

automated process in computerised information systems.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services Inc.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element
NHIM Physical characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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