
Injecting drug use status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000432 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The client's use of injection as a method of administering drugs. Includes intravenous, intramuscular and subcutaneous forms of injection.
Context: Alcohol and other drug treatment services:
The data element is important for identifying patterns of drug use and harms associated with injecting drug use.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Last injected three months ago or less
2 Last injected more than three months ago but less than or equal to twelve months ago
3 Last injected more than twelve months ago
4 Never injected
9 Not stated/inadequately described
Collection Methods: To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.

For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this data element should not be collected.
Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Injecting drug use version 1
relates to the data element Method of use for principal drug of concern version 1

is qualified by Client type - alcohol and other drug treatment services version 3
relates to the data element Other drug of concern version 2
relates to the data element Principal drug of concern version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs NMDS-WG

Comments: This data element is used in conjunction with the data element Commencement of treatment for reporting the NMDS - Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services, and has been developed for use in clinical settings. A code that refers to a three-month period to define 'current' injecting drug use is required as a clinically relevant period of time.

The data element may also be used in population surveys that require a longer timeframe, for example to generate 12-month prevalence rates, by aggregating codes 1 and 2. However, caution must be exercised when comparing clinical samples with population samples.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Lifestyle characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Alcohol and other drug treatment services From 01-Jul-03 to
