
Injecting drug use

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000432 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 30-JUN-03
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 Current injecting drug use (last injected within the previous three months)
2 Injecting drug use more than three months ago but less than twelve months ago
3 Injecting drug use more than twelve months ago (and not in last twelve months)
4 Never injected
9 Not stated/inadequately described
Collection Methods: To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.
Related metadata: relates to the data element Method of use for principal drug of concern version 1
relates to the data element Other drugs of concern version 1
relates to the data element Principal drug of concern version 1
has been superseded by Injecting drug use status version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs NMDS-WG

Comments: This data element is used in conjunction with 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-00 to 30-Jun-03