
Principal drug of concern

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000443 Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The main drug, as stated by the client, that has led a person to seek treatment from the service.
Context: Alcohol and other drug treatment services. Required as an indicator of the client's treatment needs.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NNNN
Minimum Size: 4
Maximum Size: 4
Data Domain: NOVAL The Australian Standard Classification of Drugs of Concern (ASCDC). ABS Cat. No. 1248.0 (2000). (Plus 2 supplementary codes: code 0005 'opioid analgesics nfd' and code 0006 'psychostimulants nfd'.)

Guide For Use: The principal drug of concern should be the main drug of concern to the client and is the focus of the client's treatment episode. If the client has been referred into treatment and does not nominate a drug of concern, then the drug involved in the client's referral should be chosen.
The ASCDC provides a number of supplementary codes that have specific uses and these are detailed within the ASCDC e.g. 0000 = inadequately described.
Other supplementary codes that are not already specified in the ASCDC may be used in NMDS's when required. In the AODTS

NMDS, two additional supplementary codes have been created which enable a finer level of detail to be captured:
Code 0005 'opioid analgesics not further defined' (nfd) is to be used when it is known that the client's Principal drug of concern is an opioid but the specific opioid used is not known. The existing code 1000 combines opioid analgesics and non-opioid analgesics together into Analgesics nfd and the finer level of detail, although known, is lost.
Code 0006 'psychostimulants nfd' is to be used when it is known that the client's Principal drug of concern is a psychostimulant but not which type. The existing code 3000 combines stimulants and hallucinogens together into Stimulants and hallucinogens nfd and the finer level of detail, although known, is lost.
Psychostimulants refer to the types of drugs that would normally be coded to 3100-3199, 3300-3399 and 3400-3499 categories plus 3903 and 3905.

Collection Methods: To be collected on commencement of the treatment episode.
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: relates to the data element Method of use for principal drug of concern version 1
relates to the data element Main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs version 1
relates to the data element Other treatment type for alcohol and other drugs version 1
is qualified by NHDD Client type - alcohol and other drug treatment services version 3
supersedes the data element Principal drug of concern version 2
relates to the data element Other drug of concern version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs NMDS-WG

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Lifestyle characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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