

Outpatient clinic type code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	291102
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 04/07/2007
Definition:	The code set representing the nature of service provided by an organisational unit or organisational arrangement through which a hospital provides outpatient clinic services .

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Allied Health
	2	Dental
	3	Gynaecology
	4	Obstetrics
	5	Cardiology
	6	Endocrinology
	7	Oncology
	8	Respiratory
	9	Gastroenterology
	10	Medical
	11	General practice/primary care
	12	Paediatric
	13	Endoscopy
	14	Plastic surgery
	15	Urology
	16	Orthopaedic surgery
	17	Ophthalmology
	18	Ear, nose and throat
	19	Pre-admission and pre-anaesthesia
	20	Chemotherapy
	21	Dialysis
	22	Surgery
	23	Paediatric surgery

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	In most cases, reference to the Tier 2 guide will be adequate to map a hospital's clinics to the data domain. If not, general principles for mapping existing clinics to
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the data domain should take account of (a) the nature of the specialty, (b) patient characteristics, e.g. age, and (c) the field of practice of the service provider.

In paediatric hospitals, the full range of clinic types should be used.

CODE 1 Allied Health

- Audiology.
- Clinical Pharmacology.
- Neuropsychology.
- Dietetics.
- Occupational therapy.
- Optometry.
- Orthoptics.
- Orthotics.
- Physiotherapy.
- Podiatry.
- Prosthetics.
- Psychology.
- Social work.
- Speech pathology.

Includes clinics specified in mapping list above run solely by these Allied Health (AH) professionals Example: A speech Pathologist conducting a clinic with booked patients for speech pathology services.

Excludes services provided by AH professionals in clinics classified in codes 2-23. Example: a physiotherapist running a cardiac rehabilitation clinic is classified to the Cardiology Clinic (see code 5).

CODE 2 Dental

- Dental.

CODE 3 Gynaecology

- Gynaecology.
- Gynaecological oncology (excluding gynaecology oncology).
- Menopause.
- Assisted reproduction, infertility.
- Family planning.

CODE 4 Obstetrics

- Obstetrics.
- Childbirth education.
- Antenatal.
- Postnatal.

Excludes gestational diabetes (see code 6).

CODE 5 Cardiology

- Cardiac rehabilitation.
- ECG.
- Doppler.
- Cardiac stress test.
- Hypertension.
- Pacemaker.

Excludes cardiac catheterisation (see code 22).

CODE 6 Endocrinology

- Endocrine.
- Gestational diabetes.
- Thyroid.
- Metabolic.
- Diabetes.
- Diabetes education.

CODE 7 Oncology

- Oncology.
- Lymphoedema.
- Radiation oncology.

Excludes chemotherapy (see code 20).

Excludes gynaecological oncology (see code 3).

CODE 8 Respiratory

- Asthma.
- Asthma education.
- Respiratory; excludes tuberculosis (see code 10).
- Cystic Fibrosis.
- Sleep.
- Pulmonary.

CODE 9 Gastroenterology

- Gastroenterology.

Excludes endoscopy (see code 13).

CODE 10 Medical

- Aged care, geriatric, gerontology.
- Allergy.
- Anti-coagulant.
- Clinical Measurement; where clinical measurement services are specific to a specialty include with relevant specialty clinic type (see codes 1-23) e.g. urodynamic analysis is counted with Urology (see code 15).
- Dementia.
- Dermatology.
- Development disability.
- Epilepsy.
- Falls.
- General medicine.
- Genetic.
- Haematology, haemophilia.
- Hepatobiliary.
- Hyperbaric medicine.
- Immunology, HIV.
- Infectious diseases; Communicable diseases; Hep B, C; includes tuberculosis.
- Men's Health.
- Metabolic bone.
- Nephrology, renal; excludes dialysis (see code 21).
- Neurology, neurophysiology.
- Occupational medicine.
- Other.
- Pain management
- Palliative.
- Refugee clinic.
- Rehabilitation; excludes cardiac rehabilitation (see code 5).
- Rheumatology.
- Sexual Health.
- Spinal.
- Stomal therapy.
- Transplants.
- Wound, Dressing clinic.

CODE 11 General practice/primary care

- General Practice, Primary Care.

Excludes Medicare billable patients; defined specialty general practice clinics only.

CODE 12 Paediatric

- Adolescent health.
- Neonatology.
- Paediatric medicine.

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CODE 13 Endoscopy

Includes all occasions of service to non admitted patients for endoscopy including cystoscopy, gastroscopy, oesophagoscopy, duodenoscopy, colonoscopy, bronchoscopy, laryngoscopy, sigmoidoscopy.

Where one of these procedures is carried out in a ward or clinic classified elsewhere, for example in the emergency department, the occasion is to be included under endoscopy and related procedures, and to be excluded from the other category. Care must be taken to ensure procedures or admitted patients are excluded from this category.

CODE 14 Plastic surgery

- Craniofacial.
- Melanoma.
- Plastic surgery.

CODE 15 Urology

- Urology.

Includes urodynamic measurement and IVPs.

CODE 16 Orthopaedic surgery

- Fracture.
- Hand.
- Orthopaedics Surgery.
- Other.
- Scoliosis.
- Neck of femur.

CODE 17 Ophthalmology

- Ophthalmology.
- Cataract extraction.
- Lens insertion.

CODE 18 Ear, nose and throat

- Ear, nose and throat.
- Otitis media.
- Oral.

CODE 19 Pre-admission and pre-anaesthesia

- Pre-admission.
- Pre-anaesthesia.

CODE 20 Chemotherapy

Includes all forms of chemotherapy provided to non-admitted patients.

CODE 21 Dialysis

Includes renal dialysis education.

CODE 22 Surgery

- Cardiac.
- Vascular.
- Cardiac catheterisation.
- Colorectal.

- Upper GI surgery.
- General surgery.
- Neurosurgery.
- Other.
- Thoracic surgery.

CODE 23 Paediatric surgery

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Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Centre for Classification in Health consultant's report to Outpatients
National Minimum Data Set Development Working Group, September 2004.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Outpatient clinic type code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Standard 04/07/2007
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Establishment—outpatient clinic type, code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007