Commencement of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 327216 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | Commencement of a treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs is the first service contact when assessment and/or treatment occurs with the treatment provider. |
| Context: | Alcohol and other drug treatment services |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | A client is identified as commencing a treatment episode if one or more of the following apply:* they are a new client,
* they are a client recommencing treatment after they have had had no contact with the treatment provider for a period of three months or had any plan in place for further contact,
* their principal drug of concern for alcohol and other drugs has changed,
* their main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs has changed,
* their treatment delivery setting for alcohol and other drugs has changed.
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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set working group |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Is re-engineered from  [Commencement of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs, version 2, DEC, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273625) (13.5 KB)       *No registration status* |