

Principal role in health profession code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	375551
Registration status:	Health , Standard 10/12/2009
Definition:	Code set representing the principal role in the health profession.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Clinician
	2	Administrator
	3	Teacher/educator
	4	Researcher
	5	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 CLINICIAN
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A clinician is a person mainly involved in the area of clinical practice. That is the diagnosis, care and treatment, including recommended preventative action, to patients or clients. Clinical practice may involve direct client contact or may be practised indirectly through individual case material (as in radiology and laboratory medicine).

CODE 2 ADMINISTRATOR

An administrator in a health profession is a person whose main job is in an administrative capacity in the profession, such as directors of nursing, medical superintendents, medical advisers in government health authorities and health profession union administrators.

CODE 3 TEACHER/EDUCATOR

A teacher/educator in a health profession is a person whose main job is employment by tertiary institutions or health institutions to provide education and training in the profession.

CODE 4 RESEARCHER

A researcher in a health profession is a person whose main job is to conduct research in the field of the profession, especially in the area of clinical activity. Researchers are employed by tertiary institutions, medical research bodies, health institutions, health authorities, drug companies and other bodies.

CODE 5 OTHER

Other roles include Public health/health promotion, Occupational health, Environmental health, and all other roles not covered by codes 1-4 above.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Health professional role code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Registered health professional—principal role, health profession code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009