

Medical practitioner principal field of medicine code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition:	The codeset representing the principal field of medicine of a medical practitioner

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	General practitioner (GP)
	2	Hospital non-specialist (salaried)
	3	Specialist
	4	Specialist-in-training
	5	Other clinician
	6	Non-clinician
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 GENERAL PRACTITIONER**

A medical practitioner who works in general practice and has membership with the Royal Australian College of General Practice (RACGP) or who holds a training position supervised by a member of the college. It includes medical practitioners who are currently:

- Vocationally registered
- a RACGP fellow
- a RACGP fellowship trainee
- a GP registrar

CODE 2 HOSPITAL NON-SPECIALIST (SALARIED)

A medical practitioner mainly employed in a salaried position in a hospital who is not in training to gain a recognised specialist qualification. They include interns, Resident Medical Officers (RMOs), and Hospital Medical Officers (HMOs).

CODE 3 SPECIALIST

A medical practitioner with a qualification awarded by, or which equates to that awarded by, the relevant specialist professional college in Australia and works in that speciality area.

CODE 4 SPECIALIST-IN-TRAINING

A medical practitioner who has been accepted by a specialist medical college into a training position supervised by a member of the college and is working in that position.

CODE 5 OTHER CLINICIAN

A medical practitioner that has mainly undertaken clinical work in the week before registration, but who does not fall into any of the above categories.

CODE 6 NON-CLINICIAN

Includes all medical practitioners that have not mainly undertaken clinical work in the week prior to registration.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Registered health professional—principal field of medicine, medical practitioner code N](#)
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