

Registered health professional—principal field of medicine, medical practitioner code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Field of medicine - medical practitioner
METEOR identifier:	377809
Registration status:	Health , Standard 10/12/2009
Definition:	The field of medicine in which a medical practitioner spent the most hours in the week before registration, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Registered health professional—principal field of medicine
Value Domain:	Medical practitioner principal field of medicine code N

Value domain attributes

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

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Registered medical professional labour force DSS Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009