

# Registered health professional—principal area of practice, dental code NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Area of practice - dental
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	377981
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 10/12/2009
<b>Definition:</b>	The area of dental practice in which a dentist spent the most hours in their main job in the week prior to registration, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Registered health professional—principal area of practice</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Area of dental practice code NN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	01	General dental practice
	02	Dento-maxillofacial radiology
	03	Endodontics
	04	Oral and maxillofacial surgery
	05	Oral surgery
	06	Oral medicine
	07	Oral pathology
	08	Orthodontics
	09	Paedodontics
	10	Periodontics
	11	Prosthodontics
	12	Public health dentistry
	13	Special needs dentistry
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 01 GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE
	That part of dental practice that deals with a range of general dental care.
	CODE 02 DENTO-MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY
	That part of dental practice that deals with diagnostic imaging procedures applicable to the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region and to

other structures which are relevant for the proper assessment of oral conditions.

#### CODE 03 ENDODONTICS

That part of dental practice that deals with the morphology, physiology, and pathology of the human tooth and, in particular, the dental pulp, root and periradicular tissues. It includes the biology of the normal pulp, crown, root and periradicular tissues and the aetiology, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries that affect these tissues.

#### CODE 04 ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

That part of dental practice that deals with the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects of the human jaws and associated structures.

#### CODE 05 ORAL SURGERY

That part of dental practice that deals with the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases and injuries limited to the dento-alveolar complex.

#### CODE 06 ORAL MEDICINE

That part of dental practice that deals with the clinical diagnosis, assessment and principally non-surgical, pharmacological management of anatomical variants, pathological conditions, diseases and pain of the dental, oral and adjacent anatomical structures and the dental/oral manifestations and complications of systemic diseases, pathology and conditions and their treatment.

#### CODE 07 ORAL PATHOLOGY

That part of dental practice that deals with diseases of the teeth, jaws, oral soft tissues and associated structures, studies their causes, pathogenesis and effects, and by use of clinical, radiographic, microscopic and other laboratory procedures establishes differential diagnoses and provides forensic evaluations.

#### CODE 08 ORTHODONTICS

That part of dental practice that deals with the study and supervision of the growth and development of the dentition and its related anatomical structures, including preventive and corrective procedures of dentofacial irregularities requiring the repositioning of teeth, jaws, and/or soft tissues by functional or mechanical means.

#### CODE 09 PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY (PAEDODONTICS)

That part of dental practice that deals with the prevention and the treatment of dental diseases and abnormalities in children and their associated developmental and behavioural problems.

#### CODE 10 PERIODONTICS

That part of dental practice that deals with the prevention, recognition, diagnosis and treatment of the diseases and disorders of the investing and supporting tissues of natural teeth or their substitutes.

#### CODE 11 PROSTHODONTICS

That part of dental practice that deals with the restoration and maintenance of oral health, function and appearance by coronal alteration or reconstruction of natural teeth, or the replacement of missing teeth and contiguous oral and maxillofacial tissues with substitutes.

#### CODE 12 PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY

That part of dental practice that deals with the community as the patient rather than the individual, being concerned with oral health education of the public, applied dental research and administration of dental care programmes including prevention and control of oral diseases on a community basis.

#### CODE 13 SPECIAL NEEDS DENTISTRY

That part of dental practice that deals with patients where intellectual disability,

medical, physical or psychiatric conditions require special methods or techniques to prevent or treat oral health problems, or where such conditions necessitate special dental treatment plans.

Registered health professionals on leave at the time of registration are asked to report their usual principle area of practice worked.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** Australian Dental Association  
**Reference documents:** Australian Dental Association Policy Statement 2.4, November 2008  
*Specialisation in Dentistry*

## Data element attributes

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**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Health professional—area of clinical practice \(principal\), code ANN Health](#), Superseded 10/12/2009

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Main job of registered dental and allied dental health professional cluster Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009  
[Second job of registered dental and allied dental health professional cluster Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009