

Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	407265
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 28/04/2016
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	These data items are used in conjunction to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the number of prison entrants who have been on, or are currently on, an opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program; and• the type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program a prison entrant has been on, or is on currently.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment (OPT) is a form of treatment for heroin or opiate dependence using prescribed opioid agonists, which have some properties similar or identical to those of heroin and morphine, including the effect on the brain, which alleviate withdrawal symptoms and block the craving for illicit opiates. The most common form of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment is methadone maintenance treatment. However, buprenorphine is also quite common in some countries (Kastelic et al. 2008).

The OPT program cluster comprises three data elements which provide information on a person's current and past OPT programs:

Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, yes/no code N

Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, yes/no code N and

Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N.

OPT program	Methadone	Methadone	Other	Other
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
Never				

Collection methods: Data is collected at the reception assessment on the National Prisoner Health Census Prison Entrants form. Respondents may respond 'yes' to both 'on it now' and 'in the past'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Kastelic A, Pont J & Stover H 2008. Opioid substitution treatment in custodial settings: a practical guide. Oldenburg: BIS-Verlag.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster](#) [Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
2	Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
DSS specific information:			
This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who report being on pharmacotherapy medication for opioid dependence.			
3	Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N	Conditional	2
Conditional obligation:			
Conditional on the respondent indicating that they are currently on, or have been on a pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence.			
DSS specific information:			
This data element occurs twice: once for past treatment and once for current treatment.			