

Patient—number of teeth affected by caries, total N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of teeth affected by caries (total)
Synonymous names:	Dental caries experience; Decay experience
METEOR identifier:	500127
Registration status:	Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014
Definition:	The total number of a patient's teeth which are affected by caries as identified by a dental practitioner.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—number of teeth affected by caries
Value Domain:	Total number N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The number of teeth affected by caries is used in conjunction with Patient—result of caries experience on permanent teeth code A and Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a to calculate the dmft/DMFT (for deciduous/permanent teeth, excluding teeth surfaces) score for a patient.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014
	See also Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, permanent code A Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014

Implementation in Data Set [Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster](#)
Specifications: [Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

DSS specific information: First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth (dmft) and the second occurrence is for total of permanent teeth (DMFT).