

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of teeth surfaces affected by caries (total)
METEOR identifier:	500164
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous, Standard 08/10/2014
Definition:	The total number of a patient's teeth surfaces that are affected by caries as identified by a dental practitioner.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total				
Data type:	Number				
Format:	N[N]				
Maximum character length:	2				
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated/inadequately described
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>In order to identify specific locations on a tooth it is divided into surfaces.</p> <p>The number of teeth surfaces affected by caries is used to determine the caries experience.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

Conditional obligation:

First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth surfaces (dmfs) and the second occurrence is for the total of permanent teeth surfaces (DMFS).

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