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# 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: 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: 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: In order to identify specific locations on a tooth it is divided into surfaces.

The number of teeth surfaces affected by caries is used to determine the caries

experience.

#### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Steward: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

#### Relational attributes

**Specifications:** 

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).