Person—source of death notification, code X[X]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Source of death notification
METEOR identifier:	521245
Registration status:	Health, Standard 05/10/2016
Definition:	The source of death information relating to the date of a person's death, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—source of death notification
Value Domain:	Source of death notification code X[X]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	X[X]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Official death certificate or death register
	2	Health care provider
	3	Relative
	4	Re-instated
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	98	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	The code set described in this value domain aligns with the relevant data element in AS 4846:2014 but is not identical to it.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Alternative codes:

D Official death certificate or death register

P Healthcare provider

R Relative

X Re-instated

O Other

U Unknown

This data element should always be used in conjunction with a date of death.

Source of death notification is required in cases where the date of death is recorded to indicate the likely certainty of the death notification.

CODE 1 Official death certificate or death register

Directly from a death certificate or indirectly from an official State/Territory register of deaths. This includes where the health care provider has signed the death certificate.

CODE 2 Health care provider

Includes verbal notification, written in a medical record or other documentation other than the official death certificate.

CODE 3 Relative

Death is highly likely to be certain, but cases of inaccurate reporting of death by relatives have been known and should not be considered equal in certainty to the health care provider as a source of death information.

CODE 4 Re-instated

See the Collection methods section.

CODE 88 Other

Death is identified through newspapers or other sources. These should be considered the least reliable sources of death notification. Many health care organisations do not accept this level of notification.

CODE 98 Unknown

The source of information about the subject's death is not known. This is the least reliable source of death notification.

Collection methods: Any software system dealing with identification of individuals shall have the capacity to re-instate or reverse the notification of death.

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Individual demographic identifiers cluster
Health, Standard 05/10/2016
Conditional obligation:

A valid date of death must be present.