External auditory meatus condition code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	567719
Registration status:	Indigenous, Standard 05/12/2017
Definition:	A code set representing conditions of the ear canal.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Clear
	2	Wax/debris
	3	Discharge
	4	Foreign body
	5	Otitis externa
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	98	Unknown
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | CODE 1   Clear |
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CODE 1   Clear

No abnormal diagnosis.

CODE 2   Wax/debris

Ear wax or debris located in the ear.

CODE 3   Discharge

Ear discharge is any fluid that comes from the ear.

CODE 4   Foreign body

Unexpected object in the ear canal.

CODE 5   Otitis externa

Inflammation of the ear canal, which may be caused by infection, allergy or other causes.

CODE 88   Other

A condition other than those separately identified.

CODE 98   Unknown

This code is used when the data is invalid.

CODE 99   Not stated/inadequately described

This code is used when the data is missing.

Comments: The external auditory meatus is also known as the external auditory canal.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

Patient—external auditory meatus condition, code N[N] Indigenous, Standard 05/12/2017