

Person—single name only indicator, yes/no code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Single name only indicator
METEOR identifier:	573052
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 01/08/2015
Definition:	An indicator that a person has only one component to their name, as represent as a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—single name only indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Single name This indicates that a person has only one name. If a data set has a field for family name and given name a person's single name will represent the family name. CODE 2 Multiple names (the default) This indicates that the person has more than one name component; for example, a family name and a given name. Alternative code: CODE S Single name CODE M Multiple names
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Collection methods:

When a person has only one name, that name should be recorded using the family name data element and this data element should be recorded as 'CODE 1 - Single name'.

This data element allows computer systems to accurately determine whether given name is missing or is never intended to be entered.

If given name is not provided when registration occurs, this data element should be asked.

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.