

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Audiology services DSS, April 2012-April 2013

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	577550
Registration status:	Indigenous , Superseded 18/02/2015
DSS type:	Data Set Specification (DSS)
Scope:	This DSS covers data collected on audiology services provided under the Child Health Check Initiative (CHCI) and Closing the Gap (CtG) in the Northern Territory National Partnership Agreement (August 2007 to June 2012) and the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (SFNT) Audiology Services program (from July 2012). CHCI/CtG services were made available to Indigenous children aged less than 16 years in prescribed areas of the Northern Territory from August 2007, with the program designed to enable three visits to each community. SFNT services are available to all Indigenous children in the Northern Territory under the age of 16 years.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This audiology services dataset is based on version 7 of the audiology services form which was implemented between April 2012 to April 2013. The form contains clinical data collected as part of routine healthcare provided by professionals who delivered these services. Earlier versions of the audiology form were in place between August 2007 and March 2012. Although the various versions of the audiology forms have most of the same questions, there are also some key differences, such as:
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- version 1a does not include a question on the Hospital Registration Number (HRN)
- version 1a and 1b include a question about consent for the provision of data
- the format of, and response options for, question 4 have changed substantially between the earlier and later versions of the form
- version 7 does not collect information about a previous audiology check.

The AIHW only receives confidentialised unit record level information on those children for which consent for data provision to AIHW has been obtained.

Implementation start date:	01/04/2012
Implementation end date:	30/04/2013
Comments:	Glossary terms that are relevant to this DSS are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audiology assessment• Ear health intervention• Hearing impairment• Hearing loss

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Northern Territory Department of Health 2011. Audiology service form, Version 7 AIHW 2012. Northern Territory Emergency Response Child Health Check Initiative: follow-up services for oral and ear health: final report, 2007-2012. Cat. no. DEN 223. Canberra: AIHW

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Children's Health Checks: Audiology services DSS, May 2011-March 2012](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 18/02/2015

Has been superseded by [Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Audiology services DSS, May 2013-August 2014](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 18/02/2015

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Service event—date of service, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
DSS specific information:			
Date of service follows the standard DD/MM/YYYY format except where not enough detail is provided. In these instances the following codes should be used:			
'Other' : 01/01/1800			
'Not stated' : 01/01/1900			
2	Audiology assessment client cluster	Mandatory	1
1	Discrete Indigenous community—identifier, AANNA	Mandatory	1
DSS specific information:			
This data element records the identifier of the community, town camp or homeland where the service was provided.			
2	Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
DSS specific information:			
This data element is used to record the Hospital Registration Number (HRN).			
HRNs are allocated to people when they are born in Northern Territory public hospitals or when they first attend a Northern Territory public hospital to receive a service. It is a unique number that is not associated with a Medicare number. As at May 2013, the HRNs are either 6 or 7 digits long but there is capacity to increase to more digits as required.			
A person's HRN does not change. It remains with them for the duration of their life.			
3	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
4	Person—sex, code N	Mandatory	1
3	Patient—hearing loss indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
DSS specific information:			
It is possible for 'no hearing loss' to be recorded in two places on the form (level of hearing loss and type of hearing loss). To streamline this process only one occurrence appears in the DSS.			

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
4	Patient—site of hearing loss, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Valid where a 'yes' response to the hearing loss indicator data element is selected.</p>		
5	Patient—type of hearing loss, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Valid where a 'yes' response to the type of hearing loss indicator data element is selected.</p>		
6	Patient—hearing impairment indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
7	Patient—degree of hearing impairment, code N	Conditional	1
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Valid where a 'yes' response to the degree of hearing impairment indicator data element is selected.</p> <p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>The pure tone thresholds used to identify hearing impairment in the Audiology Services DSS are based on recommendations from Australian Hearing. They differ from the World Health Organization (WHO) standards as data relates only to children.</p> <p>Coding note: If a hearing impairment measurement is provided for both left and right ear, and it is indicated which measurement relates to which ear, the hearing impairment of least severity is recorded as the response to this question (ie. the response is based on the better ear).</p>		
8	Patient—middle ear condition indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
9	Patient—middle ear condition type, code N.N	Conditional	2
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Valid where a 'yes' response to the middle ear condition indicator data element is selected.</p> <p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>The middle ear condition is recorded twice; once for the right ear and once for the left ear.</p>		
10	Patient—middle ear condition type, text X[X(99)]	Conditional	2
	<p>Conditional obligation:</p> <p>Conditional on 'other' being selected in the <i>Patient—middle ear condition type, code N.N</i>.</p> <p>DSS specific information:</p> <p>This data element has a maximum occurrence of 2. Record separately for right ear and left ear, as appropriate.</p>		
11	Patient—audiology assessment recommended course of action, code N[N]	Mandatory	7

Seq Metadata item
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occurs

12 [Patient—audiology assessment recommended course of action, text X\[X\(99\)\]](#)

Conditional 1

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on 'other' being selected in [Patient—audiology assessment recommended course of action, code N\[N\]](#) data element.