Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—patient identifier, identifier N(9)

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Patient identification number |
| Synonymous names: | Patient identifier; Patient ID; PIN |
| METEOR identifier: | 601236 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | A unique numeric identifier for the patient or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) consumer for whom the PBS benefit is being claimed. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—patient identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601234)  |
| Value Domain: | [Identifier N(9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/713830) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Identifier |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | N(9) |
| Maximum character length: | 9 |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602524)       [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014***DSS specific information:*** Variable name = PAT\_IDThis data element can be used to identify individual patients and may, in some use cases, need to be suppressed or de-identified. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator**[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people, aged 17 years and under, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709507)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709492)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709500)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antibiotic medicines per 100,000 children aged 9 years and under, 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709170)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709488)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (i) Age 17 years & under, (ii) Age 18 - 64 years, (iii) Age 65 years & over](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709504)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709514)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged (i) 18 years and over, (ii) 1 year and under, 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709274)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723565)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 22/09/2020[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723567)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 22/09/2020[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723543)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 22/09/2020[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/752714)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/754809)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/726379)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021[Number of people dispensed five or more medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/726365)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021 |