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Health professional subspecialty code NNNNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

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Definition: A code set representing subcategories of medical specialty.

Context: The subcategories and codes presented here are commonly used in the context of

the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

(PBS).

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: NNNNNN

Format:	NNNNN	
Maximum character length:	6	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	010101	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - non-referred attendances
	010102	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - procedural
	010103	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - anaesthesia
	010104	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - acupuncture
	010105	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - obstetrics
	010106	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - diagnostic imaging
	010201	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - non-referred attendances
	010202	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - procedural
	010203	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - anaesthesia
	010204	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - acupuncture
	010205	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - obstetrics
	010206	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - diagnostic imaging
	010301	General practitioner - GP trainee - GP trainee
	019999	General practitioner - unclassified - unclassified
	020101	Specialist - internal medicine - internal medicine
	020102	Specialist - internal medicine - general medicine
	020103	Specialist - internal medicine - clinical pathology
	020201	Specialist - immunology and allergy - immunology and allergy

020301	Specialist - cardiology - cardiology
020401	Specialist - haemotology - haemotology
020501	Specialist - endocrinology - endocrinology
020601	Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology - gastroenterology and hepatology
020701	Specialist - nephrology - nephrology
020801	Specialist - neurology - neurology
020901	Specialist - nuclear medicine - nuclear medicine
021001	Specialist - paediatric medicine - paediatric medicine
021101	Specialist - rehabilitation medicine - rehabilitation medicine
021201	Specialist - rheumatology - rheumatology
021301	Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine - respiratory and sleep medicine
021401	Specialist - geriatric medicine - geriatric medicine
021501	Specialist - medical oncology - medical oncology
021601	Specialist - intensive care - intensive care
021701	Specialist - pathology - pathology
021801	Specialist - surgery - general surgery
021802	Specialist - surgery - cardiothoracic surgery
021803	Specialist - surgery - neurosurgery
021804	Specialist - surgery - orthopaedic surgery
021805	Specialist - surgery - paediatric surgery
021806	Specialist - surgery - plastic and reconstructive surgery
021807	Specialist - surgery - urology
021808	Specialist - surgery - vascular surgery
021901	Specialist - diagnostic radiology - diagnostic radiology
022001	Specialist - anaesthetics - anaesthetics
022101	Specialist - dermatology - dermatology
022201	Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology - obstetrics and gynaecology
022301	Specialist - ophthalmology - ophthalmology
022401	Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT) - ear, nose and throat (ENT)
022501	Specialist - public health medicine - public health medicine
022601	Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery - oral and maxillofacial surgery
022701	Specialist - palliative medicine - palliative medicine
022801	Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine - occupational and environmental medicine
022901	Specialist - infectious diseases - infectious diseases
023001	Specialist - clinical genetics - clinical genetics
023101	Specialist - psychiatry - psychiatry
023201	Specialist - college trainee (physician) - college trainee (physician)

023301	Specialist - sport and exercise medicine - sport and exercise medicine
023401	Specialist - addiction medicine - addiction medicine
023501	Specialist - sexual health medicine - sexual health medicine
023601	Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine - maternal-foetal medicine
023701	Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility - reproductive endocrinology and infertility
023801	Specialist - urogynaecology - urogynaecology
029999	Specialist - unclassified - unclassified
030101	Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker - Aboriginal Health Worker
030201	Allied health - allied mental health - mental health worker
030202	Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (clinical)
030203	Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (non-clinical)
030301	Allied health - chiropractor - chiropractor
030401	Allied health - dietician - dietician
030402	Allied health - dietician - diabetes educator
030501	Allied health - midwife - midwife
030601	Allied health - nurse practitioner - nurse practitioner
030701	Allied health - occupational therapist - occupational therapist
030801	Allied health - optometrist - optometrist
030901	Allied health - osteopath - osteopath
031001	Allied health - physiotherapist - physiotherapist
031002	Allied health - physiotherapist - exercise physiologist
031101	Allied health - podiatrist - podiatrist
031201	Allied health - speech pathologist - speech pathologist
031301	Allied health - audiologist - audiologist
031401	Allied health - social worker - social worker
039999	Allied health - unclassified - unclassified
040101	Dental practitioner - oral surgery - oral surgery
040201	Dental practitioner - registered - registered
040301	Dental practitioner - endodontist - endodontist
040401	Dental practitioner - orthodontist - orthodontist
040501	Dental practitioner - periodontist - periodontist
040601	Dental practitioner - prosthetist - prosthetist
040701	Dental practitioner - prosthodontist - prosthodontist
049999	Dental practitioner - unclassified - unclassified

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The first 2 characters of the code represent the broad group into which the health

professional falls, i.e. either a General Practitioner (GP), Specialist, Allied health

professional or Dental practitioner.

Characters 3-4 represent the health professional's major field of specialty, and characters 5-6 represent the health professional's subspecialty. In some cases, a

specialty may consist of one subspecialty.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Relational attributes

Related metadata See also Health professional major specialty code NNNN

references: Commonwealth Department of Health, Retired 19/10/2023

See also Health professional specialty group code NN

Commonwealth Department of Health, Retired 19/10/2023

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber,

Data elements

implementing this value

subspecialty code NNNNNN domain: Commonwealth Department of Health, Retired 19/10/2023