

# Identifier—replacement identifier designation, text X[X(19)]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Replacement identifier designation
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Identifier replaced by; Active identifier.
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	610794
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 05/10/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The identifier to be used for an entity instead of the identifier previously assigned, as represented by text.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier—replacement identifier designation</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	X[X(19)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	20

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	A minimum of one record will require a new identifier.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>This data element provides a way of indicating that more than one identifier has been issued to the one entity, and that the identifier from this data element is the one that should be used.</p> <p>The objective of this data element is to support the manual process of merging records. If multiple identifier numbers have been issued to the one entity, these records should be merged. Only one identifier is retained as an active identifier, while all other identifiers become inactive. These inactive identifiers should not be reissued or re-used. This data element helps to connect the inactive identifier(s) with the active identifier. All information held with the inactive identifier(s) should be linked to the active identifier in the event that an error has been made and 'unmerging' is required.</p>

## 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.

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Identifier—duplicate record confirmation date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

See also [Identifier—duplicate record confirmed by, text X\[X\(199\)\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Identification in healthcare cluster](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

#### *Conditional obligation:*

Conditional on [Identifier—investigation outcome, duplicate/intertwined/similar record code N](#) being recorded as code 1 'Duplicate record' or code 2 'Intertwined record'.