

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Identifier designation
METEOR identifier:	612730
Registration status:	Health , Standard 05/10/2016
Definition:	An alphanumeric identifier, allocated by an organisation or individual provider that is used to uniquely identify an entity, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Identifier—identifier designation
Value Domain:	Text X[X(19)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	<p>The Australian Standard for Person and provider identification in healthcare (AS 4846:2014) outlines the following principles of identifiers in healthcare:</p> <p>Principle A: Identifiers shall be unique to a purpose and often to a person or organisation, although family group identifiers exist and are unique to the family.</p> <p>Principle B: Identifiers shall not be recycled or reused.</p> <p>Principle C: Each person or organisation should have a single active identifier from a given issuer for a specific usage at any given point in time.</p> <p>The combination of 3 identifier data elements—Identifier designation, Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)] and Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN—uniquely identify an entity for a specific purpose, and is known as a globally unique identifier.</p>
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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:**

Supersedes [Identifier—identifier designation, text X\[X\(19\)\]
Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

See also [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X\[X\(199\)\]
Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

See also [Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN
Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

**Implementation in Data Set
Specifications:**

[Healthcare provider organisation cluster
Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

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