

# Prison dischargée—communicable disease test, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Communicable disease test
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	624975
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 28/04/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of communicable disease a prison dischargée has been tested for during their most recent imprisonment, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Prison dischargée—communicable disease test</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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<b>Data type:</b>	Number												
<b>Format:</b>	N												
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1												
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### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is to be used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.

CODE 1 Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)

HIV refers to a condition where there is progressive failure of the immune system which can lead to infections, cancers and AIDS.

CODE 2 Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a bloodborne viral disease that can be transmitted from one person to another through unprotected sex, blood-to-blood contact or sharing of injecting equipment. Hepatitis B causes inflammation of the liver and over time can lead to cirrhosis of the liver, chronic liver damage, liver failure and liver cancer.

CODE 3 Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C is a bloodborne viral disease, which is transmitted through blood-to-blood contact. Hepatitis C can result in problems such as chronic liver damage, liver cancer and cirrhosis.

CODE 4 Sexually transmissible infections

Sexually-transmissible infections refers to illness that has been transferred by means of human sexual behaviour and includes chlamydia, gonorrhoea, herpes HPV and syphilis.

**Comments:** The Fourth National Hepatitis C Strategy 2014–2017 lists people in custodial settings as a priority population because of their increased risk of infection due to non-sterile injecting equipment, sharing of tattooing and piercing equipment, and other blood-to-blood contact (DoH 2014a).

While a vaccination exists, prisoners are recognised in the Second National Hepatitis B Strategy as being at increased risk due to low vaccination rates (DoH 2014b).

Prisoners are recognised in the 3rd National Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2014–2017 as a priority population due to their high-risk behaviours (DoH 2014c).

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Reference documents:** DoH 2014a. Fourth national hepatitis C strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.

DoH 2014b. Second national hepatitis B strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.

DoH 2014c. Third national sexually transmissible infections strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.

## Data element attributes

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**Guide for use:** Multiple options may be selected for codes 1 to 4.

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Prison dischargee—communicable disease test, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Prison dischargee NBEDSHealth](#), Standard 28/04/2016

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on the prison dischargee having been tested for at least one of HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or Sexually-transmissible infection.

***DSS specific information:***

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees who were tested for a bloodborne virus or a sexually-transmissible infection.