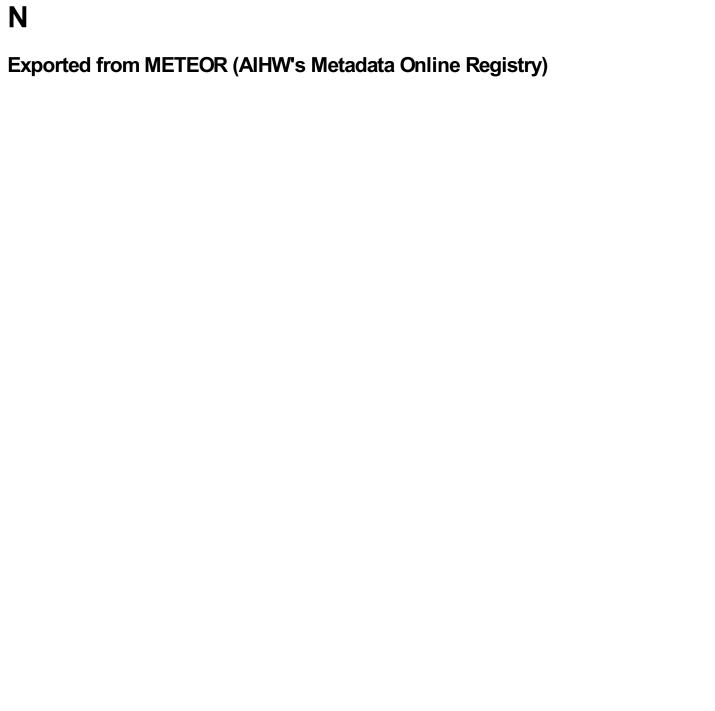
# Prison dischargee—communicable disease test, code N



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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

**Short name:** Communicable disease test

**METEOR identifier:** 624975

Registration status: Health, Standard 28/04/2016

**Definition:** The type of communicable disease a prison dischargee has been tested for during

their most recent imprisonment, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Prison dischargee—communicable disease test

Value Domain: Communicable disease code N

### Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

 Value
 Meaning

 Permissible values:
 1
 Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)

 2
 Hepatitis B

 3
 Hepatitis C

 4
 Sexually-transmissible infections

 5
 None of the above

**Supplementary values:** 9 Unknown

## 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-toblood 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

## Collection and usage attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

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

#### **Relational attributes**

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Prison dischargee—communicable disease test, code N

Health, Superseded 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Prison dischargee NBEDS

Specifications:

Health, 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.