

Prison discharger—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 dischargée has been tested for during their most recent imprisonment, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Prison dischargée—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:	<p>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.</p> <p>CODE 1 Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)</p> <p>HIV refers to a condition where there is progressive failure of the immune system which can lead to infections, cancers and AIDS.</p> <p>CODE 2 Hepatitis B</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CODE 3 Hepatitis C</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CODE 4 Sexually transmissible infections</p> <p>Sexually-transmissible infections refers to illness that has been transferred by means of human sexual behaviour and includes chlamydia, gonorrhoea, herpes HPV and syphilis.</p>
Comments:	<p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	<p>DoH 2014a. Fourth national hepatitis C strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.</p> <p>DoH 2014b. Second national hepatitis B strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.</p> <p>DoH 2014c. Third national sexually transmissible infections strategy 2014–2017. Canberra: Department of Health.</p>

Data element attributes

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Guide for use:	Multiple options may be selected for codes 1 to 4.
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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 Specifications: [Prison dischargee NBEDS 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.