

Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	626820
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 28/04/2016
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster defines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the number of prison entrants who have been on, or are currently on, an opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program; and• the type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program a prison entrant has been on, or is on currently.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment (OPT) is a form of treatment for heroin or opiate dependence using prescribed opioid agonists, which have some properties similar or identical to those of heroin and morphine, including the effect on the brain, which alleviate withdrawal symptoms and block the craving for illicit opiates. The most common form of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment is methadone maintenance treatment. However, buprenorphine is also quite common in some countries (Kastelic et al. 2008).

The OPT program cluster combines three data elements to provide information on a person's current and past OPT programs: The data elements are:

[Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#)

[Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#) and

[Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N.](#)

The OPT cluster defines the following information:

OPT program	Methadone	Methadone	Other	Other
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N
Never				

Collection methods: Data is collected at the reception assessment on the National Prisoner Health Data Collection Prison Entrants form. Respondents may respond 'yes' to both 'on it now' and 'in the past'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: [Kastelic A, Pont J & Stover H 2008. Opioid substitution treatment in custodial settings: a practical guide. Oldenburg: BIS-Verlag.](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

Has been superseded by [Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Recorded 31/05/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Prison entrants NBEDS Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N	Mandatory	2
2	Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N	Mandatory	2
3	Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N	Conditional	2

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