

Person—needle sharing frequency, prisoner health frequency code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Needle sharing frequency
METEOR identifier:	631151
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 28/04/2016
Definition:	A descriptor of how often a person uses a needle which has already been used by someone else, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—needle sharing frequency

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code								
Data type:	Number								
Format:	N								
Maximum character length:	1								
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Always</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Sometimes</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Never</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Always	2	Sometimes	3	Never
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Collection and usage attributes

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

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Injecting drugs refers to a method of introducing a drug into the body with a hollow needle and a syringe which is pierced through the skin into the body.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—needle sharing frequency, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

Has been superseded by [Person—needle sharing frequency, prisoner health frequency code N](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 30/05/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a yes response to [Person—injecting drug use indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#).

DSS specific information:

During most recent imprisonment.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees who reported using a needle that had been used by someone else while in prison.