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Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: **Data Set Specification**

METEOR identifier: 634954

Registration status: Health, Standard 28/04/2016

DSS type: Data Element Cluster

Scope: The Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment (OPT) program cluster defines:

• the number of prison dischargees who have been on, or are currently on an

OPT program

the number of prison dischargees who intend to be on an OPT program on

release from prison

the type of OPT program a prison dischargee has been on, or is on currently.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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).

Respondents are asked:

Responses may include:

Have you ever been on a methadone program?

• Have you ever been on any other opiate replacement program, for example, naltrexone, buprenorphine, suboxone or LAAM?

• Yes, on it now and plan to continue after release from prison

• Yes, on it now and do not plan to continue after release from prison

Yes, in the past only

No, never

Unknown.

Collection methods: Data is collected on the National Prisoner Health Data Collection Prison Discharge

form.

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

Has been superseded by Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program cluster

references: (dischargee)

Health, Qualified 06/07/2023

Implementation in Data Set Prison dischargee NBEDS

Specifications: Health, Standard 28/04/2016

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

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

DSS specific information:

health yes/no/unknown code N

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prisoners in custody who received medication for opioid dependence.

2 Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner

3 Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N

Conditional 2

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Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the respondent indicating that they are currently on, or have been on a pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence.

DSS specific information:

This data element occurs twice: once for past treatment and once for current treatment.

4 <u>Prison dischargee—opioid substitution program continuation on release indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N</u>

Conditional 1

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees on an opiate substitution program while in prison with a plan to continue after release.