

# Identifier—investigation outcome, duplicate/intertwined/similar record code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Identifier investigation outcome
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	642247
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The conclusion reached following an investigation into an identifier, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier—investigation outcome</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Duplicate/intertwined/similar record code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Duplicate record
	2	Intertwined record
	3	Similar but different record

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 1 Duplicate record This code is used where multiple records are found for a single entity.
	CODE 2 Intertwined record This code is used for a record that is shared by more than one entity. Intertwined records are created when two or more people or organisations are assigned the same identifier and their data are associated with the same record.
	CODE 3 Similar but different record This code is used for records that have similar identifying information but belong to different entities.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014. Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia.  Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) 2014. Audit Report No.27 2013–14. Integrity of Medicare customer data. Viewed 16 May 2016, <a href="https://www.anao.gov.au/sites/g/files/net1336/f/AuditReport_2013-2014_27.pdf">https://www.anao.gov.au/sites/g/files/net1336/f/AuditReport_2013-2014_27.pdf</a> .

# Data element attributes

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Duplicate record cluster Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
See also [Identifier—investigation flag, yes/no code N Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
See also [Intertwined record cluster Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016  
See also [Similar but different entity cluster Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Identification in healthcare cluster Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

***Conditional obligation:***

Conditional on the data element: [Identifier—investigation flag, yes/no code N](#) being recorded as code 1 'Yes'.

***DSS specific information:***

For code 2: An intertwined record can also be known as a 'same site active clinical record' and is a result of clinical records that are merged in error.