Person—person identifier, X(8)

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Patient primary identifier; Patient secondary identifier |
| Synonymous names: | PER\_IDENTIFIER\_1; PER\_IDENTIFIER\_2; PERSON\_IDENTIFIER |
| METEOR identifier: | 643305 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017 |
| Definition: | A person identifier unique within an establishment or agency, as represented by an alphanumeric identifier. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—person identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/287172) |
| Value Domain: | [Identifier X(8)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/570648) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Identifier | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | X(8) | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting against the data element:  [Person-person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290046)  The synonymous names PER\_IDENTIFIER\_1  and PER\_IDENTIFIER\_2 are used for local reporting.  The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name PERSON\_IDENTIFIER.  For confidentiality reasons, the PERSON\_IDENTIFIER field is filled with zeros for national reporting. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—person identifier, X(8)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/570650)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015  See also [Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290046)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 25/08/2005  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015  [Early Childhood](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 08/04/2013  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 04/05/2005  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 01/11/2012  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 11/08/2014  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [Youth Justice](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/4), Standard 15/02/2022 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/648949)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 30/05/2017 |