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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Indicator 7b-Proportion of patients with knee osteoarthritis referred for consideration of surgery who were supported with non-surgical core treatments for at least three months
METEOR identifier:	644349
Registration status:	Health, Standard 02/08/2017
Description:	Proportion of patients with knee **osteoarthritis** referred for consideration of surgery who were supported with non-surgical core treatments for at least three months.
Rationale:	Management of osteoarthritis should consist of a combination of non-pharmacological and pharmacological modalities (RACGP 2009).
Indicator set:	Clinical care standard indicators: osteoarthritis of the knee Health, Standard 02/08/2017

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	45 years
Computation description:	Non-surgical core treatments include dietary advice, weight loss support if needed, exercise prescription and/or referral to physical therapy, and pharmacological management. Presented as a percentage.
Computation:	(Numerator ÷ denominator) x 100
Numerator:	Number of patients with knee osteoarthritis referred for consideration of surgery who were supported with non-surgical core treatments for at least three months.
Denominator:	Number of patients with knee osteoarthritis referred for consideration of surgery.
Comments:	Note that health services may not necessarily achieve 100% for this indicator, even when providing appropriate treatment, as there may be patients who will be referred for surgery prior to three months for clinically appropriate reasons. In these instances, this indicator should be used to review the appropriateness of referral for surgery prior to three months for these patients, and to monitor the health service's referral for surgery over time. This indicator has been adapted from the *Osteoarthritis quality standard* (NICE 2015).

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Percentage
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Service event
Format:	N[NN]

Accountability attributes

Other issues caveats: Applicable setting: all healthcare settings where care is provided to patients with knee osteoarthritis, including primary care, specialist care, hospitals and community settings.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Reference documents: NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) 2015. Osteoarthritis Quality standard 87. London: NICE.

RACGP (Royal Australian College of General Practitioners) 2009. Guideline for the non-surgical management of hip and knee osteoarthritis. South Melbourne: RACGP.