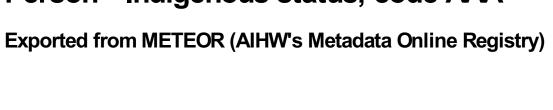
Person—Indigenous status, code AAA



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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Patient Indigenous status code

Synonymous names: PER_INDIGENOUS_STATUS_CODE; INDIGENOUS_STATUS

METEOR identifier: 675163

Registration status: WA Health, Standard 01/06/2017

Definition: The code that represents whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or

Torres Strait Islander origin. This is in accordance with the first two of three

components of the Commonwealth definition.

Data Element Concept:Person—Indigenous statusValue Domain:Indigenous status code AAA

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: AAA

Maximum character length: 3

Value Meaning

Permissible values: ABG Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander

ABT Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
TSI Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal

Supplementary values: OTH Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander

NSP Not specified

UNK Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

The classification for Indigenous status has a hierarchical structure comprising two levels. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are grouped into two categories at the broad level. The classification is as follows:

Indigenous:

- Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander
- Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Non-Indigenous:

Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander.

This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting, using the data element:

Person-Indigenous status, code N

Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes:

Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)	National codes
ABG Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin
TSI Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal	2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin
ABT Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	3 Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin
OTH Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander	4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin
NSP Not specified	9 Not stated/inadequately described
UNK Unknown	

The synonymous name PER_INDIGENOUS_STATUS_CODE is used for local reporting purposes.

The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name INDIGENOUS_STATUS.

Comments:

The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of Commonwealth v Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- · descent;
- self-identification; and
- · community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata Supersedes Person—Indigenous status, code AAA

WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015 references:

Implementation in Data Set WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection

(NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17 Specifications:

WA Health, Standard 30/05/2017

DSS specific information:

This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:

Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17

It is reported nationally using the data element:

Person-Indigenous status, code N