Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Cervical screening indicator |
| Synonymous names: | HPV test indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 686938 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a female person has had a cervical screening, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Female—cervical screening indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/358915) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/301747) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Boolean | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 9    Not stated/inadequately described  This code is not for use in primary data collections. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | From 1 December 2017, the screening test for cervical cancer, the Pap test, changes to a test for the human papillomavirus (HPV) with partial HPV genotyping and reflex liquid-based cytology (LBC) triage. The procedure for collecting samples for HPV testing is the same as for having a Pap smear. A health-care professional will take a small sample of cells from the woman’s cervix. The sample will be sent to a pathology laboratory for examination. While the current Pap test can detect abnormal cell changes, the new cervical screening test will detect the HPV infection that can cause the abnormal cell changes, prior to the development of cancer. The recommended screening age for the HPV test is 25 to 74 years. (Under the previous screening test the age range was 18 to 69). The HPV test will be offered every 5 years (instead of every 2 as it was with the Pap test) (DoH 2017). A vaginal sample can also be taken by a woman, under supervision of her health-care professional (AIHW 2017). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2017. National Cervical Screening Program data dictionary: Version 1.0. Cancer series no. 103. Cat. no. CAN 102. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 16 October 2017, <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559625>  DoH (Australian Government Department of Health) 2017. National Cervical Screening Program. Canberra: DoH. Viewed 24 November 2017, <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/cervical-screening-1> |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/358921)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 27/02/2018  Has been superseded by [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/719551)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 16/01/2020  Has been superseded by [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/731925)  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 14/07/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2017–18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686603)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 22/10/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.  This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 25 to 74 years.  [Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2018–19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/694101)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 02/04/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.  This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 25 to 74 years.  [Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/707502)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Indigenous primary health care NBEDS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.  This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 25 to 74 years. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686323)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/10/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 17/10/2018  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2018-2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/688014)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686306)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/10/2018  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 17/10/2018  [Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2018-2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/688016)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 14/07/2021 |