

# Person—reason for health clinic attendance, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Reason for health clinic attendance
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	696608
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/05/2024
<b>Definition:</b>	The reason or health issue that prompts a person to visit a health clinic, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—reason for health clinic attendance</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Reason for health clinic attendance, code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Diabetes
	2	Psychological/mental health
	3	Pathology
	4	Skin condition
	5	Alcohol or drug use
	6	Medicine/vaccination
	7	Musculoskeletal injury
	8	Musculoskeletal condition
	9	Cardiovascular disease
	10	Respiratory condition
	11	Communicable disease
	12	Dental
	13	Digestive condition
	14	Wound care
	15	Asthma
	16	Sensory
	17	Neurological
	18	Malignancy
	19	Arthritis
	20	Women's health
	21	General health assessment

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 88.

Please note, in earlier versions of this Value Domain, the codes assigned were different to the current list. The former codes are also noted below.

More than one code may be recorded if there are multiple reasons for visiting the health clinic.

**CODE 1 Diabetes**

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of Type 1, Type 2 or gestational diabetes.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 02 'Diabetes.'*

**CODE 2 Psychological/mental health**

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of a mental health condition.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to 03 'Mental health condition.'*

**CODE 3 Pathology**

Record this code if the person attending the clinic was having blood or urine tested or receiving results from a blood or urine test.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 04 'Pathology.'*

**CODE 4 Skin condition**

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for a skin condition.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 05 'Skin condition (excluding cancer and communicable diseases).'*

**CODE 5 Alcohol or drug use**

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for an alcohol and drug issue.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 06 'Drug and alcohol issue.'*

**CODE 6 Medicine/vaccination**

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for medication or a vaccination.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 07 'Medication' or CODE 08 'Vaccination.'*

CODE 7 Musculoskeletal injury

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for a musculoskeletal injury. Musculoskeletal conditions are recorded separately.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 09 'Musculoskeletal injury.'*

CODE 8 Musculoskeletal condition

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for a musculoskeletal condition.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 10 'Musculoskeletal condition (excluding arthritis, injury or cancer).'*

CODE 9 Cardiovascular disease

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of cardiovascular disease (includes coronary heart disease, heart failure, rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart disease, congenital heart disease, stroke and peripheral vascular disease).

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 11 'Cardiovascular disease.'*

CODE 10 Respiratory condition

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of a respiratory condition.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 12 'Respiratory condition (excluding asthma, cancer or communicable diseases).'*

CODE 11 Communicable disease

Communicable diseases are those which are capable of being transmitted between individuals and include infectious and parasitic disease (Healey 2004). Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of a communicable disease (includes blood-borne diseases, gastrointestinal diseases, quarantinable diseases, sexually transmitted infections, vaccine preventable diseases, vector-borne diseases, zoonoses and other bacterial infections).

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 13 'Communicable disease.'*

CODE 12 Dental

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for dental referral, dental procedures or dental pain.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 14 'Dental.'*

CODE 13 Digestive condition

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of a digestive condition. This excludes cancers which are recorded separately.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 15 'Digestive condition (excluding cancer).'*

CODE 14 Wound care

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for wound care for example dressings or review.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 16 'Wound care.'*

CODE 15 Asthma

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for the treatment of asthma.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 17 'Asthma.'*

CODE 16 Sensory

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for the treatment of ear or eye conditions.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 18 'Sensory conditions (ear and eye conditions).'*

CODE 17 Neurological

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for neurological conditions for example epilepsy, Parkinson disease, motor neurone disease.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 19 'Neurological condition.'*

CODE 18 Malignancy

Record this code if the reason for attending the clinic was a malignancy (cancer), excludes non-melanoma skin cancer.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 20 'Malignancy (cancer, excluding non-melanoma skin cancer).'*

CODE 19 Arthritis

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for treatment of arthritis (includes gout, rheumatism, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, other type, arthritis type unknown).

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 21 'Arthritis.'*

CODE 20 Women's health

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for women's health issues for example cervical screening, contraceptives.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 22 'Women's health.'*

CODE 21 General health assessment

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for a general health assessment.

This includes the routine check of blood pressure, height, weight, cholesterol, blood glucose, etc.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 01 'Health check.'*

CODE 99 Other

Record this code if the person attended the clinic for a reason not specified above.

*In earlier versions of this Value Domain, this code equates to CODE 25 'Other.'*

**Comments:**

The list of reasons for attendance at the health clinic was initially guided by the most common categories reported in a number of relevant surveys, for example the 2001 NSW Inmate Health Survey, Queensland Women Prisoners' Health Survey and the *General Practice Activity in Australia 2007-08* (Britt et al. 2008). Following the 2009 National Prisoner Health Census, the list was amended to include the reasons recorded in the 'Other' category on the National Prisoner Health Census Clinic form.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** National Centre for Classification in Health 2010. The International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems, tenth revision, Australian modification (7th edn). Sydney: National Centre for Classification in Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney.

**Reference documents:** AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2013. The health of Australia's prisoners 2012. Cat. no. PHE 170. Canberra: AIHW.

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## Data element attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—reason for health clinic attendance, code NN Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Prison clinic contact NBEDS 2018](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

***DSS specific information:***

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Clinic Visit Form:

10. Problem managed:  
Please tick as many as appropriate.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prisoners in custody who used the prison clinic.

[Prison clinic contact NBEDS 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

***DSS specific information:***

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Clinic form:

10. Problem managed:  
Multiple boxes may be marked.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prisoners in custody who used the prison clinic.