

Person—needle sharing frequency, prisoner health frequency code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Needle sharing frequency
METEOR identifier:	696801
Registration status:	Health , Qualified 06/07/2023
Definition:	A descriptor of how often a person uses a needle which has already been used by someone else, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—needle sharing frequency
Value Domain:	Prisoner health frequency code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Never
	2	Sometimes
	3	Always
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

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 8.
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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

Guide for use:	Injecting drugs refers to a method of introducing a drug into the body with a hollow needle and a syringe which is pierced through the skin into the body.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—needle sharing frequency, prisoner health frequency code N Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

Has been superseded by [Person—needle sharing frequency, sometimes/often/always/unknown code N Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Prison dischargee NBEDS 2018 Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a yes response to [Person—injecting drug use indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#).

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Dischargee Form:

21c. While in prison this time, how often did you use a needle that had been used by someone else (even if it had been cleaned)?

During most recent imprisonment.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees who reported using a needle that had been used by someone else while in prison.