

Address—electronic communication address, text [X(250)]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Electronic communication address (person)
Synonymous names:	Electronic communication details
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Definition:	A unique combination of characters used as input to electronic communication equipment for the purpose of contacting a person, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Address—electronic communication address

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	[X(250)]
Maximum character length:	250

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Multiple electronic communication addresses (for example, multiple phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail) may be recorded as required. Each instance should have an appropriate Electronic communication medium and usage code assigned.

Universal Resource Locator (URL)

One form of electronic address used as a locator for an internet-based web site.

Example: <http://www.aihw.gov.au> This is the full address, however, it is not essential to record 'http://www' as the commonly used internet browsers assume these characters are included. Therefore, the URL address could be recorded as 'aihw.gov.au'.

Email addresses

Email addresses are a combination of a username and an internet domain name (URL) joined by an @ symbol. The use of the full URL is not valid in an email address.

Example: myuserid@bigpond.net.au

Telephone numbers

- Record the prefix plus telephone number. For example, 08 8226 6000 or 0417 123456.
- Do not record punctuation in telephone numbers. For example, (08) 8226 6000 or 08-8226 6000 would not be correct.

Unknown contact details

Leave the field blank.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Standards Australia
Origin:	AS 4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia
Reference documents:	AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2006, Sydney: Standards Australia