

Client—injecting drug use status, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Injecting drug use status
METEOR identifier:	707379
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 12/12/2018
Definition:	The client's use of injection as a method of administering drugs, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Client—injecting drug use status

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code										
Data type:	Number										
Format:	N										
Maximum character length:	1										
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service. For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this metadata item should not be collected.
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Comments: This metadata item has been developed for use in clinical settings. A code that refers to a three-month period to define 'current' injecting drug use is required as a clinically relevant period of time.


The metadata item may also be used in population surveys that require a longer timeframe, for example to generate 12-month prevalence rates, by aggregating Codes 1 and 2. However, caution must be exercised when comparing clinical samples with population samples.

This metadata item is important for identifying patterns of drug use and harms associated with injecting drug use.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Injecting drug use status, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.8 KB) *No registration status*
Supersedes [Client—injecting drug use status, code N](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2023-24 Health](#), Qualified 31/08/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

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