

# Client—injecting drug use status, code N

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# 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: | <a href="#">Health</a> , 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 attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

|                       |                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Data element concept: | <a href="#">Client—injecting drug use status</a>                                                                                           |
| METEOR identifier:    | 707377                                                                                                                                     |
| Registration status:  | <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 12/12/2018                                                                                               |
| Definition:           | The client's use of injection as a method of administering drugs. Includes intravenous, intramuscular and subcutaneous forms of injection. |
| Context:              | Alcohol and other drug treatment services                                                                                                  |
| Object class:         | <a href="#">Client</a>                                                                                                                     |
| Property:             | <a href="#">Injecting drug use status</a>                                                                                                  |

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

|                      |                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Value domain:        | <a href="#">Injecting drug use status code N</a>                                                                   |
| METEOR identifier:   | 270701                                                                                                             |
| Registration status: | <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005<br><a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 06/02/2012 |
| Definition:          | A code set representing injecting drug use status.                                                                 |

## Representational attributes

|                           |              |                                                                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Representation class:     | Code         |                                                                                      |
| Data type:                | Number       |                                                                                      |
| Format:                   | N            |                                                                                      |
| Maximum character length: | 1            |                                                                                      |
|                           | <b>Value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                                                                       |
| Permissible values:       | 1            | Last injected three months ago or less                                               |
|                           | 2            | Last injected more than three months ago but less than or equal to twelve months ago |
|                           | 3            | Last injected more than twelve months ago                                            |
|                           | 4            | Never injected                                                                       |
| Supplementary values:     | 9            | Not stated/inadequately described                                                    |

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Collection methods:</b> | To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.<br><br>For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this metadata item should not be collected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Comments:</b>           | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This metadata item is important for identifying patterns of drug use and harms associated with injecting drug use.</p> |

## Source and reference attributes

|                                 |                                                                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Submitting organisation:</b> | Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## Relational attributes

|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Related metadata references:</b> | <p>Supersedes <a href="#">Client—injecting drug use status, code N</a><br/><a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a>, Standard 06/02/2012<br/><a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 12/12/2018</p> <p>Is re-engineered from  <a href="#">Injecting drug use status, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf</a> (15.8 KB)<br/><i>No registration status</i></p> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**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](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

**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](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

**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.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2024-25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2024

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2025

**Conditional obligation:**

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