

# Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Method of use for principal drug of concern
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	707395
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 12/12/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The client's self-reported usual method of administering the principal drug of concern, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern)</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code														
<b>Data type:</b>	Number														
<b>Format:</b>	N														
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1														
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## Data element attributes


### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 1 Refers to eating or drinking as the method of administering the principal drug of concern.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Collect only for principal drug of concern. To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.
<b>Comments:</b>	Identification of drug use methods is important for minimising specific harms associated with drug use, and is consequently of value for informing treatment approaches.

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes  [Method of use for principal drug of concern, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.7 KB) *No registration status*  
Supersedes [Client—method of drug use \(principal drug of concern\), 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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021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:**

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[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:**

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[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:**

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[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:**

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