

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of use for principal drug of concern
METEOR identifier:	707395
Registration status:	Health , Standard 12/12/2018
Definition:	The client's self-reported usual method of administering the principal drug of concern, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern)
Value Domain:	Method of drug use code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Ingests
	2	Smokes
	3	Injects
	4	Sniffs (powder)
	5	Inhales (vapour)
	6	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes


Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Refers to eating or drinking as the method of administering the principal drug of concern.
Collection methods:	Collect only for principal drug of concern. To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.
Comments:	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 [Client—method of drug use \(principal drug of concern\), code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
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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[Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020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[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021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[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021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](#), Superseded 09/12/2022
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](#), Superseded 06/12/2023
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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2024–25](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023
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