

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of use for principal drug of concern
METEOR identifier:	707395
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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


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Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Method of use for principal drug of concern, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.7 KB) *No registration status*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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20Health](#), Superseded 20/02/2020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[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021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 2021–22Health](#), 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 2022–23Health](#), 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 2023-24Health](#), Recorded
29/07/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

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