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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/707393) |
| Value Domain: | [Method of drug use code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270699) |

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| 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 |



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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 [Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270111)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 06/02/2012  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  Is re-engineered from  [Method of use for principal drug of concern, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273418)  (14.7 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/700931)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717078)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/733903)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742035)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756056)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775611)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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. |