

# Method of dementia diagnosis code NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	737970
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 05/10/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set related to the method a clinician used to <a href="#">diagnose dementia</a> .

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	01	Physical examination
	02	Neurological examination
	03	Cognitive test
	04	Function test
	05	Blood screening
	06	Structural neuroimaging (CT or MRI)
	07	Functional neuroimaging including amyloid (PET or FDG)
	08	X-ray
	09	Lumbar puncture
	10	Information from family and or carer
	20	Other
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

All methods used to diagnose dementia should be selected.

**CODE 01 Physical examination**

A physical examination is an examination of a patient for any possible medical signs or symptoms of a medical condition. The examination is conducted by a medical practitioner.

**CODE 02 Neurological examination**

A neurological assessment focuses on the nervous system to assess and identify any abnormalities that affect function and activities of daily living.

**CODE 03 Cognitive test**

A cognitive test assesses general cognitive ability (also known as general mental ability or aptitude).

**CODE 04 Function test**

A function test uses daily activities to monitor disease progression.

**CODE 05 Blood screening**

Blood screening is used in health care to determine physiological and biochemical states, such as disease, mineral content, pharmaceutical drug effectiveness, and organ function.

**CODE 06 Structural neuroimaging (CT or MRI)**

Neuroimaging includes the use of various techniques to either directly or indirectly image the structure or function of the brain.

**CODE 07 Functional neuroimaging including amyloid (PET or FDG)**

It is a nuclear medicine imaging test in which a mildly radioactive substance is injected into the body and is used to diagnose a variety of diseases.

**CODE 08 X-ray**

An x-ray uses radiation to create a picture of the inside of the body.

**CODE 09 Lumbar puncture**

A lumbar puncture (also referred to as a 'spinal tap') is a diagnostic test involving inserting a needle into the lower back to extract fluid that sits around the spinal cord.

**CODE 10 Information from family and or carer**

An interview with family or carer may be used to assist with the diagnosis.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Person—method of dementia diagnosis, code NN](#)  
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