

Person—method of dementia diagnosis, code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of dementia diagnosis
METEOR identifier:	737972
Registration status:	Health , Standard 05/10/2022
Definition:	The method a clinician used to diagnose dementia in a person, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—method of dementia diagnosis
Value Domain:	Method of dementia diagnosis code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	20	Other
	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

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Dementia clinical diagnosis cluster](#)
Specifications: [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2022