

Person—needle sharing indicator, yes/no code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Needle sharing
METEOR identifier:	761974
Registration status:	Health , Standard 29/05/2024
Definition:	An indicator of whether a person has used a needle which had been used by someone else, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—needle sharing indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Boolean						
Format:	N						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Yes	2	No
Value	Meaning						
1	Yes						
2	No						

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Needle may refer to a hypodermic, tattoo needle, etc.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person—needle sharing frequency, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison dischargee NBEDS 2022](#)
[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Dischargee Form:

23a. While in prison this time, did you get a tattoo or body piercing using a needle or other equipment that had been used by someone else, even if it had been cleaned?

[Substances used illicitly cluster \(prison dischargee\)](#)

[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Dischargee Form:

24f. While in prison this time, did you inject substances using a needle that had been used by someone else, even if it had been cleaned?