

Person—needle sharing frequency, sometimes/often/always/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Needle sharing frequency
METEOR identifier:	765799
Registration status:	Health , Standard 29/05/2024
Definition:	A descriptor of how often a person uses a needle which has already been used by someone else, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—needle sharing frequency
Value Domain:	Sometimes/often/always/unknown code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Sometimes
	2	Often
	3	Always
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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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Supersedes [Person—needle sharing frequency, prisoner health frequency code N Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Prison dischargee NBEDS 2022 Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a Code 1 "Yes" response to [Person—needle sharing indicator, yes/no code N](#)

DSS specific information:

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

23b. How often did you use a needle that had been used by someone else when getting a tattoo or body piercing?

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees who reported using a needle that had been used by someone else while in prison.

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

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

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a yes response to [Person—needle sharing indicator, yes/no code N](#).

DSS specific information:

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

24g. How often did you use a needle that had been used by someone else when injecting substances?