

Injury event—nature of injury, type code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Nature of injury event
Synonymous names:	Type of injury pathology
METEOR identifier:	776943
Registration status:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Recorded 09/08/2023
Definition:	The nature of the type of injury pathology in an injury event, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Injury event—nature of injury
Value Domain:	Type of injury code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Fracture
	2	Soft-tissue injury
	3	Head injury
	4	Dislocation
	5	Open wound
	6	Injury to skin surface
	88	Other

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Fracture
	Includes partial or complete break in a bone.
	CODE 2 Soft-tissue injury
	Includes sprain, strain or tear of muscles, ligaments or joints.
	CODE 3 Head injury
	Includes concussion.
	CODE 4 Dislocation
	Includes separation of different bones where they join.
	CODE 5 Open wound
	Includes such as cut, puncture, bite.
	CODE 6 Injury to skin surface
	Includes such as grazing, bruising or blistering.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Injury event—nature of main injury Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Australian Sports Injury Data Dictionary](#)
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 09/08/2023
DSS specific information:

The nature of injury determines the type of assistance sought and the place of treatment. Abrasions and cuts may be treated by a sports trainer at the side of the field, whereas fractures would be referred to hospital or medical officer.