Tobacco smoking - frequency

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000406
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG

Version number: 1
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Definition: How often a person now smokes a tobacco product.

Context: Public health and health care: The frequency of smoking helps to assess a person's exposure to tobacco smoke which is a known risk factor for cardiovascular disease and cancer. From a public health point of view, the level of consumption of tobacco as measured by frequency of smoking tobacco products is only relevant for regular smokers (persons who smoke daily or at least weekly).

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain:
1 Smokes daily
2 Smokes at least weekly, but not daily
3 Smokes less often than weekly
4 Does not smoke at all

Guide For Use: To record multiple use data, repeat the data field as many times as necessary, viz: product1, product2 etc. In most instances, data on both product and frequency are needed. In such situations, repeat both fields as many times as necessary, viz: product1, frequency1, product2, frequency2 etc.

Collection Methods: The recommended standard for collecting this information is the Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults - interviewer administered (Question 1) and self-administered (Question 1) versions. The questions relate to smoking of...
manufactured cigarettes, roll-your-own cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other tobacco products and are designed to cover persons aged 18 years and over.

**Related metadata:** is a qualifier of Tobacco smoking - consumption/ quantity (cigarettes) version 1
relates to the data element Tobacco smoking - duration (daily smoking) version 1
relates to the data element Tobacco smoking - ever daily use version 1
is used in conjunction with Tobacco smoking - product version 1
relates to the data element Tobacco smoking - start age (daily smoking) version 1
is qualified by Date of birth version 4

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**Administrative Attributes**

**Source Document:** Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults (1998)
**Source Organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Comments:** Where this information is collected by survey and the sample permits, population estimates should be presented by sex and 5-year age groups. Summary statistics may need to be adjusted for age and other relevant variables.

It is recommended that in surveys of smoking, data on age, sex and other socio-demographic variables should be collected.

It is also recommended that when smoking is investigated in relation to health, data on other risk factors including pregnancy status, physical activity, overweight and obesity, and alcohol consumption should be collected.

The Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults Available etc. are available from the National Centre for Monitoring Cardiovascular Disease at the AIHW, telephone (02) 6244 1000.

**Data Element Links**

**Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element**

N HIM Lifestyle characteristic

**Data Agreements which include this Data Element**