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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Microalbumin level—upper limit of normal range (milligrams per litre)
METEOR identifier:	270334
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The laboratory standard for the value of microalbumin measured in milligrams per litre (mg/L), that is the upper boundary of the normal reference range.
Data Element Concept:	Laboratory standard—upper limit of normal range for microalbumin
Value Domain:	Total milligrams per litre N[NN].N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[NN].N	
Maximum character length:	4	
	Value	**Meaning**
Supplementary values:	999.9	Not stated/inadequately described
Unit of measure:	Milligram per litre (mg/L)	

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record the upper limit of the microalbumin normal reference range for the laboratory.
Collection methods:	Microalbumin is not detected by reagent strips for urinary proteins, and requires immunoassay. Measurement of microalbumin levels should be carried out by laboratories, or practices, which have been accredited to perform these tests by the National Association of Testing Authority. As urinary albumin varies with posture and exercise it is important to collect the urine under very standard conditions; short-term (2 hours) during rest, overnight (approximately 8 hours) or an early morning sample. For screening purposes an early morning urine specimen is adequate.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Diabetes Data Working Group
Origin:	National Diabetes Outcomes Quality Review Initiative (NDOQRIN) data dictionary.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Diabetes (clinical) DSS
Health!, Superseded 21/09/2005
DSS specific information:

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