
Principal area of clinical practice

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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Definition: Principal area of clinical practice is defined as either the field of principal professional clinical activity or the primary area of responsibility, depending on the profession. It may be described in terms of the particular discipline, skills or knowledge field of the profession, whether general or specialised; or described in terms of the principal client group; or described by the principal activity of an institution, or section of an institution, where clinical practice takes place.

Context: Health labour force:
To analyse distribution of clinical service providers by the area of their principal clinical practice. Cross-classified with other data, this item allows analysis of geographic distribution and profiles of population subsets. Required for health labour force modelling.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: ANN
Minimum Size: 3
Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: A11 GP/primary medical care practitioner - general practice
 A12 GP/primary medical care practitioner - a special interest area (specified)
 A21 GP/primary medical care practitioner - vocationally registered
 A22 GP/primary medical care practitioner - holder of

	fellowship of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
A23	GP/primary medical care practitioner - RACGP trainee
A24	GP/primary medical care practitioner - other
B31	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - Resident Medical Officer (RMO)/intern
B32	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other hospital career
B41	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - holder of Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Training
B42	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - RACGP trainee
B44	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - other
B51	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - specialist (includes private and hospital)
B52	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - specialist in training (e.g. registrar)
B90	Non-specialist hospital (salaried) - not applicable
C	The following nursing codes are subject to revision because of changes in the profession and should be read in the context of the comments below:
C01	Nurse labour force - mixed medical/surgical nursing
C02	Nurse labour force - medical nursing
C03	Nurse labour force - surgical nursing
C04	Nurse labour force - operating theatre nursing
C05	Nurse labour force - intensive care nursing
C06	Nurse labour force - paediatric nursing
C07	Nurse labour force - maternity and obstetric nursing
C08	Nurse labour force - psychiatric/mental health nursing
C09	Nurse labour force - developmental disability nursing
C10	Nurse labour force - gerontology/geriatric nursing
C11	Nurse labour force - accident and emergency nursing
C12	Nurse labour force - community health nursing
C13	Nurse labour force - child health nursing
C14	Nurse labour force - school nursing
C15	Nurse labour force - district/domiciliary nursing
C16	Nurse labour force - occupational health nursing
C17	Nurse labour force - private medical practice nursing
C18	Nurse labour force - independent practice
C19	Nurse labour force - independent midwifery

