Hours worked by medical practitioner in direct patient care

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000392	Version number:	2
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-MAR-05

Definition: The number of hours worked in a week by a medical practitioner on service provision to patients including direct contact with patients, providing care, instructions and counselling, and providing other related services such as writing referrals, prescriptions and phone calls.

Context: Health labour force:
Used in relation to issues of economic activity, productivity, wage rates, working conditions etc. Used to develop capacity measures relating to total time available. Assists in analysis of human resource requirements and labour force modelling.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout:	NNN
Minimum Size:	3
Maximum Size:	3

Data Domain:		
	999	Not stated / inadequately described
	NOVAL	Total hours, expressed as 000, 001 etc.

Guide For Use: Data element relates to each position (job) held by a medical practitioner, not the aggregate of hours worked for all jobs.

Verification Rules: Value must be less than 127 (except for 999).

Collection Methods: There are inherent problems in asking for information on number of hours usually worked per week in direct patient care, for

example, reaching a satisfactory definition and communicating this definition to the respondents in a self-administered survey. Whether hours worked in direct patient care are collected for main job only, or main job and one or more additional jobs, it is important that a total for all jobs is included.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Hours on-call (not worked) by medical practitioner version 2
relates to the data element Total hours worked by a medical practitioner version 2
supersedes previous data element Hours worked version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Labour Force Data Working Group

Comments: It is often argued that health professionals contribute a considerable amount of time to voluntary professional work and that this component needs to be identified. This should be considered as an additional item, and kept segregated from data on paid hours worked.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM	Labour characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Health labour force	From 01-Jul-97 to