

# Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Cervical screening indicator
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Pap smear indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	358921
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">HealthI</a> , Superseded 25/01/2018 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Superseded 27/02/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a female person has had a cervical screening, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Female—cervical screening indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use in primary data collections.
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Currently, the screening test for cervical cancer is the Pap test (the terms Pap test and Pap smear are often used interchangeably), which is carried out by a general practitioner, nurse, or gynaecologist. During a Pap test, cells are collected from the surface of the cervix, transferred onto a slide or into a special liquid, and sent to a pathology laboratory for assessment. Details of the woman, the Pap test results, and any follow-up that may be recommended are then stored on a cervical cytology register (AIHW 2009).</p> <p>Early detection and treatment of cervical cancer leads to a reduction of morbidity and mortality due to the disease. It is recommended that women aged 18-69 years, who have ever had sex, have a cervical screening every two years (DoH 2013).</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Reference documents:** AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2009. Cervical screening in Australia 2006–2007. Cancer series no. 47. Cat. no. CAN 43. Canberra: AIHW.

DoH (Australian Government Department of Health) 2013. National Cervical Screening Program: The Pap Smear. Canberra: DoH. Viewed 4 November 2014, <<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/papsmear>>.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Indigenous primary health care DSS 2012-14](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 21/11/2013  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
**DSS specific information:**

In the Indigenous primary health care DSS, this data element will be applied up to 3 times to calculate the number of women who have had a cervical screening within the last 2 years, the last 3 years and the last 5 years. This data element will firstly be used to calculate the number of women who answered 'yes' to having had a cervical screening within the last 5 years. From this data, the data element will be used again but will collect data on the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 3 years. Finally, the data element will be applied again but will calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.

This item is only collected if the respondent is female and aged 20 to 69 years.

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2014-15](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015  
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[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2015-17](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017  
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calculate the number of women who had a cervical screening within the last 2 years.

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[Prison entrants DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

**Conditional obligation:**

This data element is conditional on the respondent being female.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Prison entrants DSS, this data element refers to females reporting having had a cervical screen within the last two years.

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of female prison entrants who report that they have had a Pap smear in the last two years.

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of female regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2013](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of female regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2013](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

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[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](#)

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