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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Cervical screening indicator |
| Synonymous names: | Pap smear indicator |
| METEOR identifier: | 358921 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 27/02/2018 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a female person has had a cervical screening, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Female—cervical screening indicator](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/358915) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/301747) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|   | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 9    Not stated/inadequately describedThis code is not for use in primary data collections. |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Comments: | 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).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). |
| 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/686938)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 16/01/2020[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 14/07/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Indigenous primary health care DSS 2012-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/430629)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 21/11/2013[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/504325)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 13/03/2015[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 13/03/2015***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015***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 2015-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/585036)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 27/02/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017***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.[Prison entrants DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/395955)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/438211)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 21/11/2013[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 21/11/2013[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2014](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/504790)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 13/03/2015[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 13/03/2015[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/589075)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/10/2016[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 20/01/2017[Indigenous primary health care: PI22a-Number of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/663982)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 27/02/2018[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of female regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2013](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/438215)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 21/11/2013[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 21/11/2013[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2014](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/504793)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 13/03/2015[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 13/03/2015[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/589077)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/10/2016[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 20/01/2017[Indigenous primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of regular clients who have had a cervical screening, 2015-2017](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/663984)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Superseded 27/02/2018 |