

Patient—number of teeth affected by caries, total N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of teeth affected by caries (total) |
| Synonymous names: | Dental caries experience; Decay experience |
| METEOR identifier: | 500127 |
| Registration status: | Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014 |
| Definition: | The total number of a patient's teeth which are affected by caries as identified by a dental practitioner. |
| Data Element Concept: | Patient—number of teeth affected by caries |
| Value Domain: | Total number N[N] |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
| | Value | Meaning |
| Supplementary values: | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | The number of teeth affected by caries is used in conjunction with Patient—result of caries experience on permanent teeth code A and Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a to calculate the dmft/DMFT (for deciduous/permanent teeth, excluding teeth surfaces) score for a patient. |
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Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. |
| Steward: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

Relational attributes

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| Related metadata references: | See also Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014 |
| | See also Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, permanent code A Indigenous , Standard 08/10/2014 |

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014

DSS specific information: First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth (dmft) and the second occurrence is for total of permanent teeth (DMFT).