

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of teeth surfaces affected by caries (total)
METEOR identifier:	500164
Registration status:	<a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 08/10/2014
Definition:	The total number of a patient's teeth surfaces that are affected by <a href="#">caries</a> as identified by a dental practitioner.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Total number N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	In order to identify specific locations on a tooth it is divided into surfaces. The number of teeth surfaces affected by caries is used to determine the <a href="#">caries</a> experience.
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## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
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## Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	<a href="#">Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster</a> <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 08/10/2014 <b>Conditional obligation:</b> First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth surfaces (dmfs) and the second occurrence is for the total of permanent teeth surfaces (DMFS).
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