

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
<b>Steward:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a>

## Relational attributes

<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<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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