

# Patient—ear selection at operation, yes/no code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Ear selection at operation
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	535307
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 05/09/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether the patient's ear to be operated on will be decided at the time of the operation, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Patient—ear selection at operation</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not applicable/unknown/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>	7	Not applicable
	8	Unknown
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A decision may be made by an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist at the time of surgery as to which ear is to be operated on. This is because there is time lag between the recommendation for surgery and the actual surgery taking place. Within that time, the condition of the ear may have changed. Therefore, this decision may be made at the time of surgery. It is more likely to happen when a child has diseases in both ears.

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## Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Surgery recommendations cluster](#)  
Specifications: [Indigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/04/2012