

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Ear selection at operation
METEOR identifier:	535307
Registration status:	Indigenous , Standard 05/09/2014
Definition:	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.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—ear selection at operation
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not applicable/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N

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:	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