

# Decayed, missing and filled teeth cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Set Specification
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	553034
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 08/10/2014
<b>DSS type:</b>	Data Element Cluster
<b>Scope:</b>	The decayed, missing, filled teeth cluster comprises six data elements that are used together to determine the number of teeth and teeth surfaces in a patient that have been affected by decay. This is known as a measure of the dental <a href="#">caries</a> experience or the dental decay experience. The caries experience describes the number of teeth (or teeth surfaces) that have been affected by decay.

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Deciduous or 'baby' teeth or teeth surfaces are affected by decay if they are decayed (d), missing (m) due to decay, or filled (f) due to decay.</p> <p>Permanent or 'adult' teeth or teeth surfaces are affected by decay if they are decayed (D), missing (M) due to decay, or filled (F) due to decay.</p> <p>The cluster contains six data elements which, when used in combination, result in a dmft/DMFT (for deciduous/permanent teeth, excluding teeth surfaces) and dmfs/DMFS (for deciduous/permanent teeth surfaces) score for a patient: <i>Patient—impact of decay on teeth, deciduous code a; Patient—impact of decay on teeth, permanent code A; Patient—number of teeth affected by decay, total N[N]; Patient—impact of decay on teeth surfaces, deciduous code a; Patient—impact of decay on teeth surfaces, permanent code A; Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by decay, total N[N].</i></p> <p><b>If child is under 11 years of age:</b></p> <p>dmft = deciduous teeth (excluding surfaces) that are decayed (d), missing (m) due to decay, or filled (f) due to decay, and the total of all (dmft);</p> <p>dmfs = deciduous teeth surfaces that are decayed (d), missing (m) due to decay, or filled (f) due to decay, and the total of all (dmfs).</p> <p><b>If child is 7 years of age or over:</b></p> <p>DMFT = permanent teeth (excluding surfaces) that are decayed (D), missing (M) due to decay, or filled (F) due to decay, and the total of all (DMFT);</p> <p>DMFS = permanent teeth surfaces that are decayed (D), missing (M) due to decay, or filled (F) due to decay, and the total of all (DMFS).</p>
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Deciduous teeth (excluding surfaces)	d	N[N]	m	N[N]	f	N[N]	dmft	N[N]
Permanent teeth (excluding surfaces)	D	N[N]	M	N[N]	F	N[N]	DMFT	N[N]
Deciduous teeth surfaces	d	N[N]	m	N[N]	f	N[N]	dmfs	N[N]
Permanent teeth surfaces	D	N[N]	M	N[N]	F	N[N]	DMFS	N[N]

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory: Dental Services DSS, 2011 Indigenous](#), Standard 08/10/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/10/2011

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, deciduous code a</a>  <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Applicable to children aged less than 11 years.	Conditional	1
2	<a href="#">Patient—result of caries experience on teeth, permanent code A</a>  <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Applicable to children aged 7 years or more.	Conditional	1
3	<a href="#">Patient—number of teeth affected by caries, total N[N]</a>  <i>DSS specific information:</i> First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth (dmft) and the second occurrence is for total of permanent teeth (DMFT).	Mandatory	2
4	<a href="#">Patient—result of caries experience on teeth surfaces, deciduous code a</a>  <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Applicable to children aged less than 11 years.	Conditional	1
5	<a href="#">Patient—result of caries experience on teeth surfaces, permanent code A</a>  <i>Conditional obligation:</i> Applicable to children aged 7 years or more.	Conditional	1
6	<a href="#">Patient—number of teeth surfaces affected by caries, total N[N]</a>  <i>Conditional obligation:</i> First occurrence is for the total of deciduous teeth surfaces (dmfs) and the second occurrence is for the total of permanent teeth surfaces (DMFS).	Mandatory	2