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# External auditory meatus condition code N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

**METEOR identifier:** 567719

**Registration status:** <u>Indigenous</u>, Standard 05/12/2017

**Definition:** A code set representing conditions of the ear canal.

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N[N]

Maximum character length: 2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Clear
	2	Wax/debris
	3	Discharge
	4	Foreign body
	5	Otitis externa
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	98	Unknown

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Collection and usage attributes

Not stated/inadequately described

Guide for use: CODE 1 Clear

No abnormal diagnosis.

CODE 2 Wax/debris

Ear wax or debris located in the ear.

CODE 3 Discharge

Ear discharge is any fluid that comes from the ear.

CODE 4 Foreign body

Unexpected object in the ear canal.

CODE 5 Otitis externa

Inflammation of the ear canal, which may be caused by infection, allergy or other

causes.

CODE 88 Other

A condition other than those separately identified.

CODE 98 Unknown

This code is used when the data is invalid.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is used when the data is missing. The external auditory meatus is also known as the external auditory canal.

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

### Relational attributes

Comments:

**Data elements** implementing this value domain:

Patient—external auditory meatus condition, code N[N]

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