

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	External auditory meatus condition
METEOR identifier:	567772
Registration status:	Indigenous , Standard 05/12/2017
Definition:	The condition of a patient's external auditory meatus, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—external auditory meatus condition
Value Domain:	External auditory meatus condition code N[N]

Value domain attributes

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
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

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.

Comments: The external auditory meatus is also known as the external auditory canal.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health
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Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Pre-operative examination of ear cluster Indigenous](#), Standard 05/12/2017
Conditional obligation:
Conditional on a 'yes' response to [Patient—ear assessment indicator, yes/no code N](#).