

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:	<p>CODE 1 Clear</p> <p>No abnormal diagnosis.</p> <p>CODE 2 Wax/debris</p> <p>Ear wax or debris located in the ear.</p> <p>CODE 3 Discharge</p> <p>Ear discharge is any fluid that comes from the ear.</p> <p>CODE 4 Foreign body</p> <p>Unexpected object in the ear canal.</p> <p>CODE 5 Otitis externa</p> <p>Inflammation of the ear canal, which may be caused by infection, allergy or other causes.</p> <p>CODE 88 Other</p> <p>A condition other than those separately identified.</p> <p>CODE 98 Unknown</p> <p>This code is used when the data is invalid.</p> <p>CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>This code is used when the data is missing.</p>
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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](#).