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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/567767) |
| Value Domain: | [External auditory meatus condition code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/567719) |

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| 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  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   ClearNo abnormal diagnosis.CODE 2   Wax/debrisEar wax or debris located in the ear.CODE 3   DischargeEar discharge is any fluid that comes from the ear.CODE 4   Foreign bodyUnexpected object in the ear canal.CODE 5   Otitis externaInflammation of the ear canal, which may be caused by infection, allergy or other causes.CODE 88   OtherA condition other than those separately identified.CODE 98   UnknownThis code is used when the data is invalid.CODE 99   Not stated/inadequately describedThis code is used when the data is missing. |
| Comments: | The external auditory meatus is also known as the external auditory canal. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of HealthAustralian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Pre-operative examination of ear cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/567654)[Indigenous](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/9), Standard 05/12/2017***Conditional obligation:*** Conditional on a 'yes' response to [Patient—ear assessment indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/567690). |