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   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. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health  Australian 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). |