

Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	634954
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 28/04/2016
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment (OPT) program cluster defines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the number of prison discharges who have been on, or are currently on an OPT program• the number of prison discharges who intend to be on an OPT program on release from prison• the type of OPT program a prison dischargee has been on, or is on currently.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: OPT is a form of treatment for heroin or opiate dependence using prescribed opioid agonists, which have some properties similar or identical to those of heroin and morphine, including the effect on the brain, which alleviate withdrawal symptoms and block the craving for illicit opiates. The most common form of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment is methadone maintenance treatment. However, buprenorphine is also quite common in some countries (Kastelic et al. 2008).

Respondents are asked:

- Have you ever been on a methadone program?
- Have you ever been on any other opiate replacement program, for example, naltrexone, buprenorphine, suboxone or LAAM?

Responses may include:

- Yes, on it now and plan to continue after release from prison
- Yes, on it now and do not plan to continue after release from prison
- Yes, in the past only
- No, never
- Unknown.

Collection methods: Data is collected on the National Prisoner Health Data Collection Prison Discharge form.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Kastelic A, Pont J & Stover H 2008. Opioid substitution treatment in custodial settings: a practical guide. Oldenburg: BIS-Verlag.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program cluster Health! , Recorded 30/05/2018
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Prison dischargee NBEDS Health! , Standard 28/04/2016

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N	Mandatory	2
2	Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N	Mandatory	2

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prisoners in custody who received medication for opioid dependence.

3	Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N	Conditional	2
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Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the respondent indicating that they are currently on, or have been on a pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence.

DSS specific information:

This data element occurs twice: once for past treatment and once for current treatment.

4	Prison dischargee—opioid substitution program continuation on release indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N	Conditional	1
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DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison dischargees on an opiate substitution program while in prison with a plan to continue after release.