

Female—cervical screening indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Cervical screening indicator
Synonymous names:	Pap smear indicator
METEOR identifier:	697306
Registration status:	Health! , Recorded 31/05/2018
Definition:	An indicator of whether a female person has had a cervical screening, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Female—cervical screening indicator
Value Domain:	Prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Comments: From 1 December 2017, the screening test for cervical cancer, the Pap test, changes to a test for the human papillomavirus (HPV) with partial HPV genotyping and reflex liquid-based cytology (LBC) triage. The procedure for collecting samples for HPV testing is the same as for having a Pap smear. A health-care professional will take a small sample of cells from the woman's cervix. The sample will be sent to a pathology laboratory for examination. While the current Pap test can detect abnormal cell changes, the new cervical screening test will detect the HPV infection that can cause the abnormal cell changes, prior to the development of cancer. The recommended screening age for the HPV test is 25 to 74 years. (Under the previous screening test the age range was 18 to 69). The HPV test will be offered every 5 years (instead of every 2 as it was with the Pap test) (DoH 2017). A vaginal sample can also be taken by a woman, under supervision of her health-care professional (AIHW 2017).

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Reference documents: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2017. National Cervical Screening Program data dictionary: Version 1.0. Cancer series no. 103. Cat. no. CAN 102. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 16 October 2017, <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559625>

DoH (Australian Government Department of Health) 2017. National Cervical Screening Program. Canberra: DoH. Viewed 24 November 2017, <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/cervical-screening-1>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Female—cervical screening indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison entrants NBEDS](#)
[Health!](#), Recorded 31/05/2018

Conditional obligation:

This data element is conditional on the respondent being female.

DSS specific information:

In the Prison entrants NBEDS, this data element refers to females reporting having had a cervical screen within the last two years.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of female prison entrants who have had a cervical cancer screening in the last two years.