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# Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster

# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 697458

**Registration status:** Health!, Recorded 31/05/2018

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** The Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment (OPT) program cluster defines:

the number of prison entrants who have been on, or are currently on an OPT

program

• the type of OPT program a prison entrant 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 a suboxone program?

• Have you ever been on a naltrexone program?

Responses may include:

Yes, on it now

Yes, in the past

• 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 Supersedes Opioid pharmacotherapy treatment cluster

references: <u>Health!</u>, Standard 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Prison entrants NBEDS

Specifications: Health!, Recorded 31/05/2018

DSS specific information:

# Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

# Seq No. Metadata item Obligation occurs 1 Person—previous opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N Mandatory 1 2 Person—current opioid pharmacotherapy treatment program indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N Mandatory 1 DSS specific information: This data element is included in the Prisoner Health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prisoners in custody who received medication for opioid dependence.

### Conditional obligation:

3 Person—type of opioid pharmacotherapy treatment, code N

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

Conditional 3