

# Client—injecting drug use status, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Injecting drug use status
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	707379
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 12/12/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The client's use of injection as a method of administering drugs, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Client—injecting drug use status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Injecting drug use status code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Last injected three months ago or less
	2	Last injected more than three months ago but less than or equal to twelve months ago
	3	Last injected more than twelve months ago
	4	Never injected
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes


<b>Collection methods:</b>	To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service.  For clients whose treatment episode is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this metadata item should not be collected.
<b>Comments:</b>	This metadata item has been developed for use in clinical settings. A code that refers to a three-month period to define 'current' injecting drug use is required as a clinically relevant period of time.  The metadata item may also be used in population surveys that require a longer timeframe, for example to generate 12-month prevalence rates, by aggregating Codes 1 and 2. However, caution must be exercised when comparing clinical samples with population samples.  This metadata item is important for identifying patterns of drug use and harms associated with injecting drug use.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Client—injecting drug use status, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012 Health!, Superseded 12/12/2018

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**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20](#)  
Health!, Superseded 20/02/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020  
**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2020–21](#)  
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021  
**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2021–22](#)  
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022  
**Conditional obligation:**

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

[Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2022–23](#)  
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

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