Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Method of use for principal drug of concern |
| METEOR identifier: | 707395 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The client's self-reported usual method of administering the principal drug of concern, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/707393) |
| Value Domain: | [Method of drug use code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270699) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Ingests |
|   | 2 | Smokes  |
|   | 3 | Injects |
|   | 4 | Sniffs (powder) |
|   | 5 | Inhales (vapour) |
|   | 6 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE     1Refers to eating or drinking as the method of administering the principal drug of concern. |
| Collection methods: | Collect only for principal drug of concern.To be collected on commencement of treatment with a service. |
| Comments: | Identification of drug use methods is important for minimising specific harms associated with drug use, and is consequently of value for informing treatment approaches. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs National Minimum Data Set Working Group |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270111)[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 06/02/2012[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018Is re-engineered from  [Method of use for principal drug of concern, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273418) (14.7 KB)*No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/700931)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/717078)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733903)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742035)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023***Conditional obligation:*** This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use. |