

Primary Health Network—number of regular female clients with a cervical screening recorded, total number N[NNNNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of regular female clients with a cervical screening recorded
Synonymous names:	Number of regular women clients with a cervical screening recorded; Number of regular female clients with a HPV test recorded; Number of regular female clients with a human papillomavirus test recorded
METEOR identifier:	728793
Registration status:	Health! , Recorded 05/01/2021
Definition:	The total number of female people who are considered to be regular clients of service providers within a Primary Health Network at a given point in time and who have a cervical screening recorded.
Data Element Concept:	Primary Health Network—number of regular female clients with a cervical screening recorded
Value Domain:	Total number N[NNNNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNNNN]
Maximum character length:	7

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:

The term 'female' is used in reference to a person's biological characteristics. See the Guide for use of [Person—sex, code X](#) for more information.

From 1 December 2017, the screening test for cervical cancer, the Pap test, changed 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 previous Pap test can detect abnormal cell changes, the new cervical screening test detects 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 and the data submitted was for the age range 20 to 69). The HPV test is offered every 5 years (instead of every 2 years 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).

The definition of a regular client can vary depending on the context and/or collection in which the term is being applied, but generally involves a minimum number of visits to an organisation or agency or uses of a facility, occurring over a specific period of time. For example, in the primary health care context a regular client may be someone who has visited a particular primary health care provider 3 or more times in the last 2 years.

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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. Viewed 13 May 2020, <<https://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559625>>

DoH (Australian Government Department of Health) 2017. National Cervical Screening Program. DoH, Canberra. Viewed 13 May 2020, <<http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/publishing.nsf/Content/cervical-screening-1>>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 16/01/2020

See also [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

See also [Person—regular client indicator, yes/no code N](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018
[Indigenous](#), Standard 27/02/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Primary Health Network female regular clients with a cervical screening recorded cluster](#)
[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021