

Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Cervical screening indicator
Synonymous names:	HPV test indicator; Human papillomavirus test indicator
METEOR identifier:	731925
Registration status:	Indigenous , Standard 14/07/2021
Definition:	An indicator of whether a female person has had a cervical screening (HPV) test, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Female—cervical screening indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described 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	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use in primary data collections.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	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. The previous Pap test could detect abnormal cell changes, however 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. The HPV test will be offered every 5 years (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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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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 14 August 2020, <<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129559625>>

DoH (Australian Government Department of Health) 2017. National Cervical Screening Program. DoH, Canberra. Viewed 14 August 2020, <<http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/internet/screening/>>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Female—cervical screening indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 16/01/2020

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See also [Primary Health Network—number of regular female clients with a cervical screening recorded, total number N\[NNNNNN\]](#)
[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2020](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 31/12/2020

Conditional obligation:

Reporting against this data element is conditional on

- a 'CODE 2 Female' response to [Person—sex, code X](#), and
- a 'CODE 2 No' response to '[Female—hysterectomy indicator, yes/no code N](#)', and
- a person being aged ≥ 25 years and < 75 years at the census date

DSS specific information:

In the ISPHC NBEDS data are provided to the AIHW for female [Indigenous regular clients](#) aged 25–74, who have not had a hysterectomy, and who have had a cervical screening human papillomavirus (HPV) test within the 5 years up to the census date, where the test occurred on or after 1 December 2017. Specifically,

- for 30 December 2020, where an HPV test has been recorded since 1 December 2017 (past 3 years and one month)
- for 30 December 2021, where an HPV test has been recorded since 1 December 2017 (past 4 years and one month)
- for 30 December 2022 onwards, where an HPV test has been recorded in the past 5 years.

Data are recorded for HPV test results where the sample is either collected by a health practitioner or self-collected.

In the ISPHC NBEDS only aggregated data with CODE 1 are provided to the AIHW.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI22a-Number of female Indigenous regular clients who have a cervical screening \(HPV\) test, December 2020](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI22b-Proportion of female Indigenous regular clients who have a cervical screening \(HPV\) test, December 2020](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

