

3 What's new for 2002–03?

Treatment episodes reported by all jurisdictions

A treatment episode refers to a period of contact, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, between a client and a treatment provider. For the 2001–02 collection period, closed treatment episodes were introduced as the unit of measurement used by the collection. The inclusion of a treatment episode concept at the national level required the introduction of the following data elements and concepts:

- *Date of cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs*
- *Main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs*
- *Number of service contacts within a treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs*
- *Other treatment type for alcohol and other drugs*
- *Reason for cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs*
- *Treatment delivery setting for alcohol and other drugs*
- *Service contact (data element concept)*
- *Treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs (data element concept).*

All jurisdictions supported the inclusion of the above data elements and concepts in the AODTS–NMDS, on the condition that a phased uptake of the revised data set be adopted. The uptake process was to begin on 1 July 2001 and all jurisdictions agreed to comply by 1 July 2002. Closed treatment episodes will be the unit of measurement used by all jurisdictions for the 2002–03 collection period.

Changes to existing data elements

The following changes were incorporated into version 11 of the *National Health Data Dictionary*.

- *Client type – alcohol and other drug treatment services*
 - change of title to include term – alcohol and other drug treatment services
 - minor change made to context
 - change to Data domain with the removal of code 9
 - change to Collection methods
 - inclusion of Related data
- *Number of service contacts within a treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs*
 - change to Definition
 - change to Guide for use
 - change to Collection methods

More information about data elements and concepts is provided in Chapter 4. See Appendix B for full definitions of all data elements and concepts as they appear in the *National Health Data Dictionary*. Table 1 presents the complete data set for mandatory collection by States and Territories from 1 July 2002.

Table 1: Data elements that are agreed for collection by States and Territories from 1 July 2002 for the alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS

Data element	Revised	NHDD code
Establishment-level data elements		
Establishment identifier (comprising)		000050
— State identifier		000380
— Establishment sector		000379
— Region code		000378
— Establishment number		000377
Establishment type		000327
Geographical location of establishment		000260
Client-level data elements		
Client type — alcohol & other drug treatment services	✓	000426
Country of birth		000035
Date of birth		000036
Date of cessation of treatment episode for alcohol & other drugs		000424
Date of commencement of treatment episode for alcohol & other drugs		000430
Establishment identifier		000050
Indigenous status		000001
Injecting drug use		000432
Main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs		000639
Method of use for principal drug of concern		000433
Number of service contacts within a treatment episode for alcohol & other drugs	✓	000641
Other drugs of concern		000442
Other treatment type for alcohol and other drugs		000642
Person identifier		000127
Preferred language		000132
Principal drug of concern		000443
Reason for cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs		000423
Sex		000149
Source of referral to alcohol and other drug treatment services		000444
Treatment delivery setting for alcohol and other drugs		000646
Supporting data element concepts		
Cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs		000422
Commencement of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs		000427
Service contact		000401
Treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs		000647