

# Multiple Healthcare Provider Clinics

## Guidelines for Health Services

### Introduction

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) has introduced an additional data element in the national non-admitted data sets for 2015-16 to identify activity that is delivered by multiple health care providers.

### Definition

- The national definition that has been developed by the IHPA for this data element is as follows “...in the context of reporting non-admitted data for activity based funding ‘Multiple health care provider’ means three or more health care providers who deliver care either individually or jointly within a non-admitted patient service event. The health care providers may be of the same profession (medical, nursing, or allied health). However, they must each have a different speciality so that the care provided by each provider is unique and meets the definition of a non-admitted patient service event.” The link to the Meteor data element is <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/584616>
- Each healthcare provider must see the majority of patients that attend the clinic on any given day, in order to be counted. This means that if a healthcare provider who attends a clinic sees 25% of patients in the clinic, this healthcare provider would not be counted as one of the three required to meet the definition of a multiple healthcare provider clinic.

### Specialties

#### Medical

- Each medical consultant attending a clinic must have a different specialty in order to count as a separate healthcare provider. For example Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Neurology etc.
- Fellows, Registrars, Residents and Interns will be considered the same specialty as the medical consultant and will not count as additional healthcare providers.
- For example a clinic attended by a Plastic Surgeon, a Registrar, an Intern and a Nurse – four health professionals attend the clinic, but there are only two specialties – plastic surgery (Surgeon, Registrar, Intern) and Nursing – so this clinic would NOT meet the definition of a multiple healthcare provider clinic.

#### Allied Health

- Each allied health therapist must have a different specialty in order to count as a separate healthcare provider. For example Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work etc.
- Allied Health Assistants will be considered the same specialty as the allied health therapist and will not count as additional healthcare providers.
- For example a clinic attended by a Physiotherapist, an OT and an Allied Health Assistant – three health professionals attend the clinic, but there are only two specialties – Physio and OT – so this clinic would NOT meet the definition of a multiple healthcare provider clinic.

## Nursing

- Each nurse must have a different specialty in order to count as a separate healthcare provider. For example a Breast Nurse, Continence Nurse, Stomal Therapy Nurse, Paediatric Nurse, Diabetes Nurse Educator etc.
- Clinical Nurse Consultants and Registered Nurses will be considered the same specialty as a Nurse Practitioner or a Specialist Nurse and will NOT count as additional healthcare providers when present in the same clinic.
- Clinical Nurse Consultants and Registered Nurses will count as additional healthcare providers if they are the only nursing professional in a clinic attended by medical and/or allied health professionals. For example a clinic attended by an Orthopaedic Surgeon, Physiotherapist and a Registered Nurse.

## Exclusions

- Volunteers do not qualify as a separate specialty
- Students do not qualify as a separate specialty

## Examples

Clinic	Healthcare providers attend	3 or more healthcare providers?	3 or more specialties?	Do all healthcare providers see majority of patients in clinic?	Multiple healthcare provider clinic?	Comment
Pre-admission	Anaesthetist Physiotherapist Nurse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Meets all criteria
Orthopaedic Hip & Knee	Orthopaedic Surgeon Physiotherapist Plaster Technician Nurse	Y	Y	No – plaster technician sees 10% of patients	Y	Meets criteria because three or more healthcare providers from three different specialties (Orth, Physio and Nurse) sees majority of patients
Obstetric high risk	Obstetrician Endocrinologist Dietician	Y	Y	Y	Y	Meets all criteria
Dental	Dentist Dental Nurse	N	N	Y	N	Does not meet criteria because only two healthcare providers attend the clinic
General Surgery	General Surgeon Registrar Nurse	Y	N	Y	N	Does not meet criteria because Registrar considered same specialty as General surgeon

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Cardiac Rehab	Physiotherapist Dietician Allied Health Assistant	Y	N	Y	N	Does not meet criteria because Allied Health Assistant is not counted as a separate specialty
Oncology	Medical Oncologist Radiation oncologist (ad hoc) Clinic nurse	Y	Y	N – Radiation oncologist attends on an ad hoc basis	N	Does not meet criteria because Radiation Oncologist only attends on an ad hoc basis and does not see majority of patients that attend the clinic.
Endocrinology	Endocrinologist Diabetes Educator CNC RN	Y	N	Y	N	Does not meet criteria because there are only two specialties – Endocrinology and Nursing
Breast	Breast surgeon Breast care nurse Wound nurse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Meets all the criteria, as all three health professionals are from a different specialty

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