Referral—referral reason, code AAA

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral reason code
Synonymous names:	REF_REASON_CODE
METEOR identifier:	607303
Registration status:	WA Health, Standard 01/06/2017
Definition:	The reason why further care or services (referral) is recommended for a patient, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral reason
Value Domain:	Referral reason code AAA

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	AAA
Maximum character length:	3

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	ASS	Assessment
	CHR	Chart review
	EDU	Education
	OPM	Ongoing patient management
	RET	Research trial
	TRE	Treatment/ Intervention
Supplementary values:	OTH	Other
	NSP	Not specified
	UNK	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Ongoing patient management code 'OPM' can only be assigned to referrals that are created in TOPAS or webPAS. The 'OPM' code can be used when a referral is received by a Health Service for ongoing management of the same condition.
	Using this code will indicate that this referral is not for a 'first' activity within that service and will enable that referral to be excluded from any data that is used in reporting outpatient waiting times for the first attended appointment.
	Although the Chart review code (CHR) may have a clinical review component, there is no patient present. For this reason, any appointment for the purpose of chart review that is attached to this referral will not meet the criteria for a non-admitted patient service event.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Referral—referral reason, code AAA](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017