Appointment—appointment reason, code AAA

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Appointment reason code |
| Synonymous names: | APP\_REASON\_CODE |
| METEOR identifier: | 663471 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017 |
| Definition: | The purpose of the appointment, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Appointment—appointment reason](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/562896) |
| Value Domain: | [Appointment reason code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/562890) |

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| 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 |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The code OPM (ongoing patient management) can only be assigned to appointments where the referral was created in [TOPAS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557977) or [webPAS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557977). 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 appointment is not the first appointment for that referral and will enable the referral and appointment information to be excluded from any data that is used in reporting outpatient waiting times for the first attended appointment. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/648949)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 30/05/2017 |