

Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status (last 12 months), code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Referred to ophthalmologist - diabetes mellitus |
| Synonymous names: | Referred to ophthalmologist - diabetes mellitus |
| METEOR identifier: | 270003 |
| Registration status: | Health , Superseded 21/09/2005 |
| Definition: | Whether the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist within the last 12 months. |
| Data Element Concept: | Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status |
| Value Domain: | Referral to ophthalmologist code N |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |

| | Value | Meaning |
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| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes, referred to an ophthalmologist |
| | 2 | No, not referred to an ophthalmologist |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | Record whether or not the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months. |
| Collection methods: | Ask the individual if he/she was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months. Alternatively, obtain this information from appropriate documentation. |
| Comments: | <p>An ophthalmologist is a physician specialising in diagnosing and prescribing treatment for defects, injuries and diseases of the eye, and who is skilled at delicate eye surgery.</p> <p>Patients with diabetes have increased risk of developing several eye complications including retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma that may lead to loss of vision.</p> <p>Regular eye checkup is important for patients suffering from diabetes mellitus. This helps to detect abnormalities early and to avoid or postpone complications.</p> |

Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | National diabetes data working group |
| Origin: | National Diabetes Outcomes Quality Review Initiative (NDOQRIN) data dictionary |

Reference documents: Diabetes Control and Complications Trial: DCCT New England Journal of Medicine, 329(14), September 30, 1993.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator \(last 12 months\), code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 21/09/2005

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Diabetes \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 21/09/2005