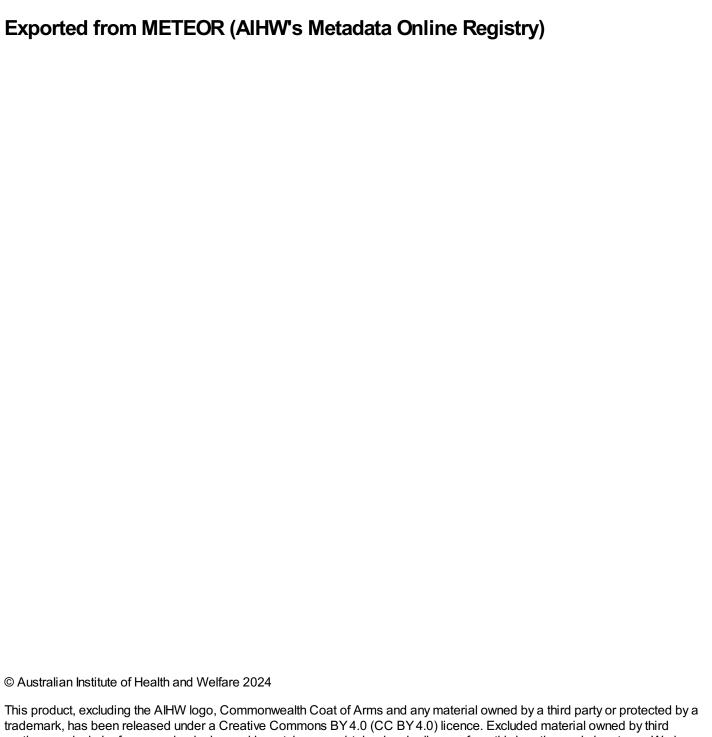
Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status (last 12 months), code N



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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Registration status: Health, Superseded 21/09/2005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

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N
Maximum character length: 1

Value Meaning

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

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: 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.

Patients with diabetes have increased risk of developing several eye complications

including retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma that may lead to loss of vision.

Regular eye checkup is important for patients suffering from diabetes mellitus. This

helps to detect abnormalities early and to avoid or postpone complications.

Source and reference attributes

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Related metadata Has been superseded by Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator (last 12

references: months), code N

Health, Standard 21/09/2005

Implementation in Data Set Diabetes (clinical) DSS

Specifications: Health, Superseded 21/09/2005