Referral—referral source, palliative care code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Referral source |
| METEOR identifier: | 287456 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 13/05/2008 |
| Definition: | The source of a client referral for palliative care services in a community setting, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Referral—referral source](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/297450) |
| Value Domain: | [Source of referral to palliative care code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/296408) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Self, carer(s), family or friends |
|  | 2 | Medical practitioner - general practitioner |
|  | 3 | Medical practitioner - specialist |
|  | 4 | Community-based palliative care agency |
|  | 5 | Community-based service - other |
|  | 6 | Inpatient facility |
|  | 7 | Residential aged care service |
|  | 8 | Other source |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 2      Medical practitioner - general practitioner, and  CODE 3      Medical practitioner - specialist  For the two codes listed above referrals made by medical practitioners on behalf of community-based palliative care agencies, inpatient facilities and residential aged care services should be recorded as a referral from that particular agency/service/organisation and not as a referral from the medical practitioner.  CODE 4     Community-based palliative care agency  Excludes hospices.  CODE 5     Community-based service - other  Includes referrals from other community-based health services, consumer groups and patient advocacy/support groups, e.g. Motor Neurone Disease Association. Excludes hospices.  CODE 6     Inpatient facility  Includes designated and non-designated palliative care units in hospitals and hospices.  CODE 8     Other source  Includes outpatient departments at hospices and hospitals and emergency departments. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Palliative Care Intergovernmental Forum |

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| Guide for use: | Referral includes self referral. |
| Comments: | Source of referral is important in assisting in the analyses of inter-service client flow for community palliative care service planning. |
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