

# Source of referral to palliative care code N

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Source of referral to palliative care code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	296408
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Recorded 13/05/2008
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the source of referral to palliative care services.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	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
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## 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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Palliative Care Intergovernmental Forum

## Relational attributes

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Referral—referral source, palliative care code N](#)  
Health, Recorded 13/05/2008