

Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator (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)
METEOR identifier:	302823
Registration status:	Health , Standard 21/09/2005
Definition:	Whether the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist within the last 12 months, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator
METEOR identifier:	304008
Registration status:	Health , Standard 21/09/2005
Definition:	Whether the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist .
Context:	Public health, health care and clinical settings: Diabetes mellitus specific data element.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Referral to ophthalmologist indicator

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Diabetes Data Working Group
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N
METEOR identifier:	301747
Registration status:	Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Recorded 25/10/2022 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 14/02/2006 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Health , Standard 21/09/2005 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 01/11/2012 Indigenous , Standard 13/03/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 08/11/2023
Definition:	A code set representing 'yes', 'no' and 'not stated/inadequately described'.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
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Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Yes
Record if the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months.

CODE 2 No
Record if the individual was not 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.

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 references: Supersedes [Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status \(last 12 months\), code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 21/09/2005

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

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.

