Referral—referral source, code AAA

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Referral source code |
| Synonymous names: | REF\_SOURCE\_CODE |
| METEOR identifier: | 491450 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | The person or agency responsible for the referral of a person to a health care provider or other organisation, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Data element concept: | [Referral—referral source](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/297450) |
| METEOR identifier: | 297450 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 02/06/2005[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 13/05/2008[Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 23/08/2010[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010[Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 16/09/2014[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | The person or agency responsible for the referral of a client to an agency. |
| Object class: | [Referral](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269015) |
| Property: | [Referral source](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269061) |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Value domain attributes  |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Value domain: | [Referral source code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491448) |
| METEOR identifier: | 491448 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A set of alphabetic characters that identifies the person or agency responsible for referring a person to a health care provider or other organisation. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | AAA |
| Maximum character length: | 3 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | AHP | Allied Health professional |
|   | ANI | Another institution |
|   | CLN | Clinician |
|   | COM | Community |
|   | CON | Same consultant |
|   | EDU | Education Department |
|   | EMD | Emergency Department |
|   | FAF | Family or friend |
|   | GEP | General Practitioner |
|   | GOV | Government agency |
|   | INW | Inpatient ward |
|   | MCE | Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) |
|   | MEP | Medical Practitioner |
|   | MHC | Mental Health clinic or team |
|   | NGO | Non-Government Organisation |
|   | NPR | Nurse Practitioner |
|   | NUR | Nurse |
|   | OMH | Other |
|   | OPH | Outpatient Department this Hospital |
|   | OPR | Other professional |
|   | OTS | Other service |
|   | POL | Police |
|   | PRI | Private referral |
|   | SLF | Self |
|   | SPR | Specialist rooms |
| Supplementary values: | NSP | Not specified |
|   | OTH | Other hospital |
|   | UNK  | Unknown  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting, using the data element:[Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747) Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes.

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|  **Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)** | **National codes** |
| OPH Outpatient Department this hospitalCON Same consultant | 1.1 Other outpatient clinic (this hospital) |
| EMD Emergency Department | 1.2 Emergency Department (this hospital) |
| INW Inpatient ward | 1.3 Elsewhere in this hospital |
| OTH Other hospital | 2.0 Other hospital |
| GEP General Practitioner | 3.1 General practice |
| PPS Private psychiatristSPR Specialist rooms | 3.2 Specialist practice |
| AHP Allied health professionalANI Another institutionCOM CommunityEDU Education DepartmentFAF Family or friendGOV Government agencyMCE Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)MHC Mental health clinic or teamNGO Non-government organisationOMH OtherOPR Other professionalPOL PolicePRI Private referralCLN ClinicianMEP Medical PractitionerNUR NurseNPR Nurse PractitionerOTS Other service | 3.3 Other non-hospital |
| SLF Self | 4.0 Self |
| UNK UnknownNSP Not specified | 99 Unknown |

 The synonymous name REF\_SOURCE\_CODE is used for local reporting purposes.The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name SERVICE\_REQUEST\_SOURCE.  |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Referral—referral source, code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/643288)       [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018       [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 01/11/2012See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/679552)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/490816)       [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015***DSS specific information:*** This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:[Non-admitted patient DSS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509071)[Activity based funding: Non-admitted patient care DSS 2013-2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/497531) It is reported nationally using the data element:[Non-admitted patient service request-service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747)[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/605977)       [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 24/04/2015***DSS specific information:*** This data item is a mandatory item for reporting in the:[Non-admitted patient DSS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/548176) It is reported nationally using the data element:[Non-admitted patient service request-service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747) |