Referral—account number, identifier N(12)

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Referral account number |
| Synonymous names: | REF\_ACCOUNT\_NUMBER |
| METEOR identifier: | 493164 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A unique identifier for each referral registered to a patient administration system, as represented by a combination of numeric characters. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Referral—account number](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/492484) |
| METEOR identifier: | 492484 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A unique identifier for each referral registered to a patient administration system. |
| Object class: | [Referral](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269015) |
| Property: | [Account number](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/492427) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Identifier N(12)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/510328) |
| METEOR identifier: | 510328 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A logical combination of numeric characters that identifies an entity. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Identifier | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | N(12) | |
| Maximum character length: | 12 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: |  |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | WA Health |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The referral account number is unique for each referral registered to a Patient Administration System (PAS). When appointments are made they must be linked to a registered referral. Each referral can be attached to multiple appointments and hence attached to multiple appointment account numbers. |
| Comments: | In the NAPAAWL DC, referral account number has the synonymous name REF\_ACCOUNT\_NUMBER; however each originating patient administration system has their own synonymous name for this data item.  Referral account number is known as 'Referral Event Number' in [TOPAS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557977) and 'Referral Visit Number' in [webPAS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557977). |
| Relational attributes | |
| 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  [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  [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/648949)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 30/05/2017 |