

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 , 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.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—account number
Value Domain:	Identifier N(12)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: WA Health

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](#) and 'Referral Visit Number' in [webPAS](#).

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017