

Appointment—clinical priority access criteria, code AAA

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Appointment CPAC code
METEOR identifier:	561438
Registration status:	WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	The code that represents the priority of a patient for referral to their first outpatient appointment, based on a clinical assessment of their medical condition.
Data Element Concept:	Appointment—clinical priority access criteria
Value Domain:	Clinical priority access criteria code AAA

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	AAA	
Maximum character length:	3	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	ROU	Routine
	SEM	Semi-urgent
	URG	Urgent
Supplementary values:	NSP	Not specified
	UNK	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The Clinical Priority Access Criteria (CPAC) guidelines have been specifically written for General Practitioners (GPs) when referring patients for outpatient care.</p> <p>CPAC is used by GPs to select and prioritise patients for referral to outpatient services in WA hospitals for first specialist assessment, based on the referral recommendations for the patient's clinical condition.</p> <p>CPAC enables GPs to provide more comprehensive information with each new referral to a hospital specialist. The timeframes that define a routine, semi-urgent or urgent clinical condition are specific to the medical specialty. Each specialty will have their own referral recommendations.</p>
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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