

# Referral—referral reason, code AAA

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Referral reason code
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	REF_REASON_CODE
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	607303
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 01/06/2017
<b>Definition:</b>	The reason why further care or services (referral) is recommended for a patient, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Referral—referral reason</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	492471
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The reason for recommending further care or services (referral).
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Referral</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Referral reason</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Referral reason code AAA</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	493130
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A set of alphabetic characters that identifies the purpose of recommending further care or services.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	AAA
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	ASS	Assessment
	CHR	Chart review
	EDU	Education
	OPM	Ongoing patient management
	RET	Research trial
	TRE	Treatment/ Intervention

<b>Supplementary values:</b>	OTH	Other
	NSP	Not specified
	UNK	Unknown

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Ongoing patient management code 'OPM' can only be assigned to referrals that are created in [TOPAS](#) or [webPAS](#). The 'OPM' code can be used when a referral is received by a Health Service for ongoing management of the same condition.

Using this code will indicate that this referral is not for a 'first' activity within that service and will enable that referral to be excluded from any data that is used in reporting outpatient waiting times for the first attended appointment.

Although the Chart review code (CHR) may have a clinical review component, there is no patient present. For this reason, any appointment for the purpose of chart review that is attached to this referral will not meet the criteria for a [non-admitted patient service event](#).

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Referral—referral reason, code AAA](#)  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)  
[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017