

# Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status (last 12 months), code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Referred to ophthalmologist - diabetes mellitus
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Referred to ophthalmologist - diabetes mellitus
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270003
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 21/09/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist within the last 12 months.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Referral to ophthalmologist code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes, referred to an ophthalmologist
	2	No, not referred to an ophthalmologist
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Record whether or not the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	Ask the individual if he/she was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months. Alternatively, obtain this information from appropriate documentation.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>An ophthalmologist is a physician specialising in diagnosing and prescribing treatment for defects, injuries and diseases of the eye, and who is skilled at delicate eye surgery.</p> <p>Patients with diabetes have increased risk of developing several eye complications including retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma that may lead to loss of vision.</p> <p>Regular eye checkup is important for patients suffering from diabetes mellitus. This helps to detect abnormalities early and to avoid or postpone complications.</p>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National diabetes data working group
<b>Origin:</b>	National Diabetes Outcomes Quality Review Initiative (NDOQRIN) data dictionary

**Reference documents:** Diabetes Control and Complications Trial: DCCT New England Journal of Medicine, 329(14), September 30, 1993.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator \(last 12 months\), code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 21/09/2005

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Diabetes \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 21/09/2005