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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Referred to ophthalmologist - diabetes mellitus |
| Synonymous names: | Referred to ophthalmologist - diabetes mellitus |
| METEOR identifier: | 270003 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 21/09/2005 |
| Definition: | Whether the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist within the last 12 months. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269849) |
| Value Domain: | [Referral to ophthalmologist code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270565) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes, referred to an ophthalmologist |
|  | 2 | No, not referred to an ophthalmologist |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record whether or not the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months. |
| Collection methods: | Ask the individual if he/she was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months. Alternatively, obtain this information from appropriate documentation. |
| Comments: | 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.  Patients with diabetes have increased risk of developing several eye complications including retinopathy, cataract and glaucoma that may lead to loss of vision.  Regular eye checkup is important for patients suffering from diabetes mellitus. This helps to detect abnormalities early and to avoid or postpone complications. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National diabetes data working group |
| Origin: | 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/302823)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 21/09/2005 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Diabetes (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273054)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 21/09/2005 |