Referral—referral source, palliative care code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral source
METEOR identifier:	287456
Registration status:	Health!, Recorded 13/05/2008
Definition:	The source of a client referral for palliative care services in a community setting, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral source
Value Domain:	Source of referral to palliative care code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Self, carer(s), family or friends
	2	Medical practitioner - general practitioner
	3	Medical practitioner - specialist
	4	Community-based palliative care agency
	5	Community-based service - other
	6	Inpatient facility
	7	Residential aged care service
	8	Other source
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | CODE 2 | Medical practitioner - general practitioner, and |
| | CODE 3 | Medical practitioner - specialist |

For the two codes listed above referrals made by medical practitioners on behalf of community-based palliative care agencies, inpatient facilities and residential aged care services should be recorded as a referral from that particular agency/service/organisation and not as a referral from the medical practitioner.

CODE 4 Community-based palliative care agency

Excludes hospices.

CODE 5 Community-based service - other

Includes referrals from other community-based health services, consumer groups and patient advocacy/support groups, e.g. Motor Neurone Disease Association. Excludes hospices.

CODE 6 Inpatient facility

Includes designated and non-designated palliative care units in hospitals and hospices.

CODE 8 Other source

Includes outpatient departments at hospices and hospitals and emergency departments.

Source and reference attributes

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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | Referral includes self referral. |
| **Comments:** | Source of referral is important in assisting in the analyses of inter-service client flow for community palliative care service planning. |

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Community-based palliative care client DSS](#) [Health!,](#) Recorded 13/05/2008