Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator (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)
METEOR identifier:	302823
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 21/09/2005
Definition:	Whether the individual was referred to an **ophthalmologist** within the last 12 months, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—referral to ophthalmologist indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Yes Record if the individual was referred to an ophthalmologist during the last 12 months.
	CODE 2 No Record if the individual was not 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.

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:	Supersedes [Health service event—referral to ophthalmologist status (last 12 months), code N](#) [Health!,](#) Superseded 21/09/2005
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	[Diabetes (clinical) NBPDS](#) [Health!,](#) Standard 21/09/2005 *DSS specific information:* 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.