

# Referral—account number, identifier N(12)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Referral account number
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	REF_ACCOUNT_NUMBER
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	493164
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A unique identifier for each referral registered to a patient administration system, as represented by a combination of numeric characters.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Referral—account number</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier N(12)</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	N(12)
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	12

## Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:**

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** WA Health

## Data element attributes

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**Guide for use:** The referral account number is unique for each referral registered to a Patient Administration System (PAS). When appointments are made they must be linked to a registered referral. Each referral can be attached to multiple appointments and hence attached to multiple appointment account numbers.

**Comments:** In the NAPAAWL DC, referral account number has the synonymous name REF\_ACCOUNT\_NUMBER; however each originating patient administration system has their own synonymous name for this data item.

Referral account number is known as 'Referral Event Number' in [TOPAS](#) and 'Referral Visit Number' in [webPAS](#).

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)  
WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)  
WA Health, Standard 24/04/2015

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