

Appointment—account number, identifier N(12)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Appointment account number
Synonymous names:	APP_ACCOUNT_NUMBER
METEOR identifier:	503373
Registration status:	WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A unique identifier for an appointment, as represented by a combination of numeric characters.
Data Element Concept:	Appointment—account number
Value Domain:	Identifier N(12)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	N(12)
Maximum character length:	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:

This data element is relatively robust for Patient Administration Systems (PAS) (e.g. TOPAS, webPAS, HCARE), which are approved and managed by the Department of Health WA for the purposes of reporting patient level non-admitted outpatient activity.

Each appointment made in a PAS is assigned a unique account number. This appointment account number does not change and is not re-used irrespective of the appointment status, outcome, or attendance code. When an appointment is made in a PAS, it must be linked to a registered referral. The referral information will then be automatically included with the appointment information. Each registered referral in a PAS has a unique referral account number and may be attached to multiple appointments and hence multiple appointment account numbers.

The appointment account numbers within a PAS enable the patient-level outpatient activity to be linked to the Department of Health WA costing system. Other non-PAS clinical or workload systems such as the Allied Health System (AHS) have the capacity to be linked to a PAS appointment account number for reporting and costing purposes although the outpatient activity information is unreliable due to incomplete data and the inconsistent allocation of account numbers to appointments.

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