

# Appointment—clinical priority access criteria, code AAA

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Appointment CPAC code
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	561438
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The code that represents the priority of a patient for referral to their first outpatient appointment, based on a clinical assessment of their medical condition.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Appointment—clinical priority access criteria</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Clinical priority access criteria code AAA</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code								
<b>Data type:</b>	String								
<b>Format:</b>	AAA								
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3								
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The Clinical Priority Access Criteria (CPAC) guidelines have been specifically written for General Practitioners (GPs) when referring patients for outpatient care.</p> <p>CPAC is used by GPs to select and prioritise patients for referral to outpatient services in WA hospitals for first specialist assessment, based on the referral recommendations for the patient's clinical condition.</p> <p>CPAC enables GPs to provide more comprehensive information with each new referral to a hospital specialist. The timeframes that define a routine, semi-urgent or urgent clinical condition are specific to the medical specialty. Each specialty will have their own referral recommendations.</p>
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### 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