

Sponsor:	Implementation Date: May 2007
<h1 style="text-align: center;">NHS Connecting for Health</h1>	Subject: National Administrative Codes Service: Introduction of new identification codes for Dental Consultants.
DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE This paper informs users of the approval of a new Information Standard by the NHS Information Standards Board	
Summary: It has been identified that a number of hospital consultants who specialise in a dental specialty are not included in the Consultant file currently published by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS). It has been confirmed that it is possible to capture data on these consultants and this DSCN details the proposal to introduce a new file containing this data. This file will be published by NACS in the May 2007 issue of codes data. This will be available from: http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs/ . Note: This DSCN is in two parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part 1 provides detailed policy information needed to implement the change 2. Part 2 provides the definitional, technical and modelling detail that will be included in the NHS Data Dictionary – Change Proposal CP 849 	
Datasets / return affected: New file to be introduced to the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) published dataset. Successful publication of this DSCN will mean this file will be available as part of the May 2007 Quarterly NACS Production. Note that this only means the file will be available, not that it necessarily has to be implemented by suppliers on this date.	
Impact of Change:	
Service: Minor	System Suppliers: Minor
The NHS Information Standards Board (ISB) is responsible for approving information standards. The ISB output related to the assurance and sign-off of this standard can be found at – www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/dscn07-2007output.pdf The ISB submission documents relating to the approval of this standard can be found at http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/NACS-DentalConsultantCodes-ISB-Submission.pdf More information about the ISB can be found at www.isb.nhs.uk Data set change notices can be found at www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn	

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

Reference No:	DSCN 07/2007 CP 849
Version No:	1.0
Subject:	Introduction of new identification codes for Dental Consultants.
Type of Change:	New Information Standard
Effective Date:	May 2007
Business Justification:	A significant number of Consultants who specialise in a dental specialty do not currently have identification codes and therefore cannot be identified in clinical messaging and returns etc.
Effect on other Information Standards:	Data Dictionary, CDS,

Introduction

The National Administrative Codes Service publishes identification codes for a wide range of organisations and practitioners, for use in clinical messaging across the NHS. One of these files contains identification codes for hospital consultants.

It has been identified that a number of hospital consultants who specialise in a dental specialty are not included in the Consultant file currently published. This means that such consultants cannot be identified within various data flows that may require this, for instance to identify the practitioner who treated a patient.

It has been confirmed that it is possible to capture data on these consultants and this DSCN details the proposal to introduce a new file containing this data.

Background

There are two existing Consultant files, econcur.csv (English Consultants) and wconcur.csv (Welsh Consultants). The data is collected by the Information Centre for Health and Social Care via a yearly census.

The General Medical Council (GMC) is the regulating body for doctors, and holds a record of all doctors who are registered to practice in the UK. They allocate each of these doctors a unique number (GMC number). The GMC number is used by the Information Centre for Health and Social Care to derive the consultant codes which are published by NACS; the GMC number is prefixed by a 'C' and referred to as the Consultant Code. ALL doctors must be registered with the GMC to practice and will therefore have a GMC number.

The General Dental Council (GDC) is the regulatory body for the dental profession in the UK. As with the GMC they allocate each registered professional a unique number (GDC number). ALL dental practitioners must be registered with the GDC and will therefore have a GDC number.

Many consultants working in a dental specialty are also qualified doctors, and therefore have a GMC number in addition to their GDC number. In these cases the consultants are

allocated a Consultant Code (derived from their GMC number) and therefore included in the consultant file.

There are some dental consultants however, who do not have a GMC number. They are qualified purely in their dental specialty and only have a GDC number. Although these practitioners are picked up by the Information Centre for Health and Social Care in their census, they are not included in the current consultant file as they do not have a GMC number.

Details of Change

This proposal is to introduce a new, separate file containing Dental Consultant codes in England and Wales, supplied by the Information Centre for Health and Social Care.

The codes will be derived from the practitioners GDC number, prefixed by the characters 'CD'. GDC numbers can vary in length from 3 to 6 characters, so in order to maintain a standard length of 8 characters (the same as medical consultant numbers) filling zeros will be used between the prefix and the GDC number, where required.

There are some overseas-qualified dentists who are not fully registered with the GDC but enjoy what is called Temporary Registration. These dentists are not currently in the scope of this file and will not be included.

Feedback and advice has been obtained from the Chief Executive of the GDC in the development of this change.

The new file will be published on both the NACS CD Rom and NHSnet pages in the May 2007 quarterly production.

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Change Request

NHS Connecting for Health

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference:	Change Request 849
Version No:	1.3
Subject:	Introduction of New Identification Code for Dental Consultants
Type of Change:	Changes to NHS Data Standards
Effective Date:	May 2007
Reason for Change:	It has been identified that a number of Dental Consultants are not included in the Consultant file currently published by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS).

Background:

The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) have produced a Data Set Change Notice to introduce a new identification code for Dental Consultants (CD999998 - Dental Consultant: General Medical Council (GMC) number/ General Dental Council (GDC) number not known). It has been identified that a number of Dental Consultants are not included in the Consultant file currently published by NACS.

Details for the new codes and supporting information will be published by NACS in their May 2007 issue of codes data due for publication on the NACS website, see <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs/>.

This Data Set Change Notice accompanies the National Administrative Codes Service Data Set Change Notice to introduce the new code to the NHS Data Dictionary.

To support the need to code Dental Consultants that are not in the Consultant file, the NHS Data Dictionary has been changed in the following areas:

- Default Codes Summary Table (Supporting Information):
 - new default code CD999998 added
- Consultant Code (Data Element):
 - new default code CD999998 added
 - description amended
- Referrer Code (Data Element):
 - new default code CD999998 added
- Responsible Care Professional Code (OPCS) (Data Element):
 - new default code CD999998 added
- Consultant Code (Attribute):
 - description and code format table amended

This Data Set Change Notice also corrects an error which has been identified in the NHS Data Dictionary during production of this change notice. The dictionary incorrectly holds General Medical Council code and General Dental Council code.

These will be corrected to:

- General Medical Council number and
- General Dental Council number

Summary of changes:

Class Definitions

[GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER](#)

Change to Attributes

[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#)
[OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#)

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Attribute Definitions

[CONSULTANT CODE](#)
[DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER \(DIN\)](#)
[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE](#)
[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE](#) renamed [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) CODE](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) CODE](#) renamed [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP \(PPD\) CODE](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP \(PPD\) CODE](#) renamed [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER \(GMP\) PPD CODE](#)
[OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATE](#)
[OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATE](#) renamed [OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER END DATE](#)
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[OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE START DATE](#) renamed [OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER START DATE](#)

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Data Elements

[CONSULTANT CODE](#)
[GMP \(CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP\)](#)
[REFERRER CODE](#)
[RESPONSIBLE CARE PROFESSIONAL CODE \(OPCS\)](#)

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODES & CLASSIFICATIONS

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Administrative Codes and Classifications

1. Responsible Agencies:

National Administrative Codes Service (NACS):

~~NACS is responsible for allocating codes to the following organisations in England and Wales.~~ NACS is responsible for allocating codes to the following ORGANISATIONS in England and Wales:

~~Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs)~~

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~~NHS Trusts~~

NHS Trusts

~~Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)~~

Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)

Care Trusts (CTs)

Special Health Authorities (SpHAs)

~~Independent Providers (registered and non-registered nursing and residential homes, private hospitals etc.)~~

Independent Providers (care homes, private hospitals etc.)

~~Pathology Laboratories~~

Pathology Laboratories

Cancer Registries

Other NHS Administration Units

2. Code allocation by other agencies

~~Several other UK agencies are responsible for issuing or publishing codes (to NHS standards) to the following healthcare organisations and maintaining their details.~~ Several other UK agencies are responsible for issuing or publishing codes (to NHS standards) to the following healthcare ORGANISATION and maintaining their details. These details are made available on the NACS NHSnet website and on a quarterly CD-ROM, distributed by the NACS.

For the NACS contact details, see Contact Details.

NHS Business Services Authority (BSA):

Prescription Pricing Division (PPD):

~~General Medical Practitioners in England, Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands~~

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS in England, Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands

~~GP Practices in England and Wales~~

GENERAL PRACTITIONER Practices in England and Wales

Dental Practice Division (DPD):

~~General Dental Practitioners in England, Wales and Isle of Man~~

GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS in England, Wales and Isle of Man

~~GD Practices in England, Wales and Isle of Man~~

General Dental Practices in England, Wales and Isle of Man

Health Solutions Wales (HSW):

All secondary care organisations in Wales

NHS in Scotland:

~~All healthcare organisations and practitioners in Scotland~~

All healthcare ORGANISATIONS and practitioners in Scotland

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), Northern Ireland:

~~All healthcare organisations and practitioners in Northern Ireland~~

All healthcare ORGANISATIONS and practitioners in Northern Ireland

Office for National Statistics (ONS):

Responsible for the formal definition of the geographical area covered by each Primary Care Trust and Strategic Health Authority (England), in terms of their component postcodes.

Source: Agencies responsible for allocation of codes on the NACS NHSnet site. For those without NHSnet access, visit the [NACs www website](#) for further information on the NACS or see Contact Details.

3. Administrative codes are used to identify:

~~Individual healthcare organisations including independent providers;~~

Individual healthcare ORGANISATIONS including independent providers;

Independent Sector Healthcare Providers;

Dental and Medical Practices;

~~Practitioners, such as GPs, Dental Practitioners and Hospital Consultants.~~

Practitioners, such as GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, and Hospital CONSULTANTS.

- The codes allow for:
 - the identification of information returned to the Department of Health;
 - the identification of the ORGANISATIONS involved in the electronic exchange of information within the NHS;
 - the identification of the parties involved in the commissioning and administration of an episode of care.
- 5. The current coding standards were introduced in 1996 by the Organisation Codes Service (OCS), now the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS). Subsequent revisions to the structure and format of organisation codes have given these codes a consistent and stable format. This both reflects the organisational changes in the NHS and protects the codes against future changes to the structure of the NHS.
- 6. Codes used in England and Wales to identify organisations in Scotland and Northern Ireland are allocated by agencies working on behalf of the Information Standards Division (Scotland) and the Northern Ireland Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. These codes meet NHS coding standards and are included on the NACS CD-ROM, issued quarterly to NHS users. Note, however, that different codes may be used locally e.g. in Scotland by Scottish users.
- 7. ~~Where treatment for a NHS patient is sub-commissioned to a non-NHS UK provider healthcare organisation (independent provider and/or Independent Sector Healthcare Provider) but that non-NHS UK provider does not have an organisation code or sites registered with a responsible agency, the default value of 89999 should be used.~~
- 7. Where treatment for a NHS PATIENT is sub-commissioned to a non-NHS UK provider healthcare ORGANISATION (independent provider and/or Independent Sector Healthcare Provider) but that non-NHS UK provider does not have an ORGANISATION CODE or sites registered with a responsible agency, the default value of 89999 should be used.

For codes and format see:

ORGANISATION CODE
ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODE

ORGANISATION SITE CODE
CONSULTANT CODE
DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN)
~~GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE~~ GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER
~~GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) (PPD) CODE~~ ~~GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE~~
GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE
GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER
GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE

PRIVATE CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIBER

~~PRIVATE CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIBER~~

DEFAULT CODES SUMMARY TABLE

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DEFAULT CODES SUMMARY

Default (or pseudo) codes may be used:

- to indicate an organisation type, such as an MoD doctor or a Prison Practice;
- to indicate an organisation type, such as Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare;
- to indicate that the code value is not known;
- to indicate that a code cannot be supplied (e.g. no referring doctor or dentist).

Person Default Codes	Code
Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) code not known	C9999998
Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) number not known	C9999998
Dental Consultant: General Medical Council (GMC) number/ General Dental Council (GDC) number not known	CD999998
Dentist code not applicable (dentist does not have Dental Practice Board number)	D9999981
Dentist, Dental Practice Board code not known	D9999998
Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known	D9999998
General Medical Practitioner (GMP) code not known	G9999998
General Medical Practitioner (GMP) number not known	G9999998
Locum refers	Code of GP for whom locum is acting
Midwife	M9999998
Ministry of Defence (MoD) Doctor	A9999998
No registered General Practitioner	G9999981
Nurse	N9999998
Other health care professional	H9999998
Overseas visitor exempt from charges	TDH00
Private patients/Overseas visitor liable for charges	VPP00
Prison doctor	P9999981
Referrer Code not applicable, e.g. patient has self-presented or not known	X9999998
Referrer other than General Medical Practitioner, General Dental Practitioner or Consultant	R9999981
Organisation Default Codes	Code
Code of General Practitioner Practice not known	V81999
Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare	XMD00
Dentist Practice	V81998
Organisation Code (Code of Provider) - non-NHS UK provider where no organisation code has been issued	89999
Organisation Code (Code of Provider) - non-UK provider where no organisation code has been issued	89997
Practice code not applicable	V81998
Practice code of Ministry of Defence (MoD) Doctor	V81998

Primary Care Trust code not applicable (e.g. overseas visitors, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland). Note: this code must not be used in the Commissioning Data Set (CDS) header. It is not a default Commissioner code.	X98
Primary Care Trust of residence not known Note: This code must not be used in the CDS header. It is not a default commissioner code.	Q99
Prison Practice	V81998
Referring Organisation Code not applicable	X99998
Referring Organisation Code not known	X99999
Strategic Health Authority of residence not known	Q99
Organisation Site Default Codes	Code
Site Code (of Treatment) - not a hospital site (for use on Out-Patient CDS)	R9998
Site Code (of Treatment) - non-NHS UK Provider where no Organisation Site Code has been issued	89999
Site Code (of Treatment) - non-UK Provider where no Organisation Site Code has been issued	89997

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The Glossary lists commonly used terms in alphabetical order. These terms are not defined and therefore do not have an class or attribute. Each entry in the Glossary is shown with its related class and attribute where appropriate.

For example 'Booked Admission' is shown as relating to the class ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY. ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY has an attribute ELECTIVE ADMISSION TYPE and reference to the attribute definition will identify that 'Booked Admission' is one of the national code classifications of ELECTIVE ADMISSION TYPES.

Class	Attribute
Admission	
Hospital Provider Spell	ACTIVITY DATE of the ACTIVITY DATE TIME TYPE Start Date
Annual Census	
Hospital Provider Spell	ACTIVITY DATE of the ACTIVITY DATE TIME TYPE Start Date
OPERATIVE PROCEDURE	
Legal Status	MENTAL CATEGORY
Hospital Provider Spell	ACTIVITY DATE of the ACTIVITY DATE TIME TYPE Discharge Date
PATIENT DIAGNOSIS	

Bed	
WARD OPERATIONAL PLAN	
Booked Admission	
ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY	ELECTIVE ADMISSION TYPE
Code of General Practitioner	
GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE
GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE
GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER	GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE
Consultant Code	
CONSULTANT	CONSULTANT CODE
Consultant Name	
PERSON NAME	
Day Case Admission	
Hospital Provider Spell	PATIENT CLASSIFICATION
Diagnostic Services	
Pathology Department	
Radiology Department	
Isotope Procedure Department	
Physiological Measurement Department	
Discharge	
Hospital Provider Spell	ACTIVITY DATE of the ACTIVITY DATE TIME TYPE Discharge Date
Drop-In Clinic	
REFERRAL REQUEST	OUT-PATIENT CLINIC REFERRING INDICATOR
Emergency Admission	
Hospital Provider Spell	ADMISSION METHOD
Emergency Journey	
Emergency Transport Request	
General Practitioner Name	
PERSON NAME	
GMC or GDC Number	
CARE PROFESSIONAL	CARE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFIER
Local Patient Identifier	

PATIENT ORGANISATION	LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER
Maternity Admission	
Hospital Provider Spell	ADMISSION METHOD
Neonate	
PATIENT	
Nurse Identifier	
CARE PROFESSIONAL	CARE PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFIER
Nurse Name	
PERSON NAME	
Ordinary Admission	
Hospital Provider Spell	PATIENT CLASSIFICATION
Organisation Postcode	
ADDRESS	POSTCODE
ADDRESS ASSOCIATION	
Organisation Address	
ADDRESS ASSOCIATION	ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE
Patient Name	
PERSON NAME	
Patients Usual Address	
ADDRESS ASSOCIATION	ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE
Planned Admission	
ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY	ELECTIVE ADMISSION TYPE
Postcode of Usual Address	
ADDRESS	POSTCODE
Regular Day Admission	
Hospital Provider Spell	PATIENT CLASSIFICATION
Sex	
PERSON GENDER	PERSON GENDER CODE
PERSON GENDER CURRENT	
PERSON GENDER AT REGISTRATION	
Special/Planned Journey	
Special Transport Request	
Planned Transport Request	
Telephone Number	
COMMUNICATION CONTACT INFORMATION	COMMUNICATION CONTACT METHOD
	COMMUNICATION CONTACT STRING

Two Man/One Man Crew	
TRANSPORT REQUIREMENT	TRANSPORT NEED
TCI (To Come In Date)	
OFFER OF ADMISSION	OFFERED FOR ADMISSION DATE
Urgent Journey	
Urgent Transport Request	
Waiting List Admission	
ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY	ELECTIVE ADMISSION TYPE
Ward Transfer	
Ward Stay	ACTIVITY DATE of the ACTIVITY DATE TIME TYPE End Date
	WARD STAY TERMINATION REASON

GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER

Change to Class: Change to Attributes

Attributes of this Class are:

DDP CODE

~~GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE~~

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER

GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Change to Class: Change to Description

A subtype of GENERAL PRACTITIONER.

A GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER is a medical practitioner fully registered with the General Medical Council (GMC), who provides personal medical services.

~~GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER may be abbreviated to GMP.~~ GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS may be abbreviated to GMP.

~~GMPs are allocated a DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN), GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE and GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE.~~ GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS are allocated a DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN), GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER and GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE.

This class is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Change to Class: Change to Attributes

Attributes of this Class are:

- DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN)
- ~~GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE~~
- ~~GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE~~
- GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER
- GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE
- GMP OBSTETRIC LIST STANDARD

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Change to Class: Change to Attributes

Attributes of this Class are:

- ~~GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE~~
- ~~OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATE~~
- ~~OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE START DATE~~
- GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER
- OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER END DATE
- OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER START DATE
- OPHTHALMIC QUALIFICATION COMMITTEE CODE

CONSULTANT CODE

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

A code uniquely identifying a CONSULTANT.

~~This is derived from either the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE for GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, or the GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE for GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS (where the dentist doesn't have a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE). The CONSULTANT CODE is derived from either the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER for GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, or the GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER for GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS (where the dentist doesn't have a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER).~~

~~The CONSULTANT CODE first character denotes either Consultants ('C') or Dental Consultants ('D'), characters 2 to 7 will be the either the doctor's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE or the dentists GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE. If the CONSULTANTS GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER is known, the CONSULTANT CODE is the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER prefixed with "C".~~

If the CONSULTANTS GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER is not known, then their CONSULTANT CODE is the GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER prefixed with "CD".

Note: There are some overseas-qualified dentists who are not fully registered with the General Dental Council but enjoy what is called "Temporary Registration". These dentists are not currently in the scope of the Dental Consultant codes file published by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) and will not be included.

Consultant Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Note
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				

Hospital Consultant Code	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Health and Social Care Information Centre	Hospital Consultant in England & Wales	Consultant Code	Derived from Gf code, prefixed with C-f Consult and D-f Dental.
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Hospital Consultant	C									Health and Social Care Information Centre	Hospital Consultants in England and Wales	Consultant Code	Derived from General Medical Council number, prefixed with a C
Dental Consultant	C	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Health and Social Care Information Centre	Dental Consultants in England and Wales	Dental Consultant Code	Derived from General Dental Council number, prefixed with CD. Note that General Dental Council number vary in length. Filling zeros are used between the prefix and General Dental Council number, where required, to maintain total length of 8 characters

For NHS PATIENTS treated overseas, the commissioner of the overseas treatment is responsible for ensuring that the overseas doctor is provided with a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE. In the case of overseas doctors the default code C9999990 should only be used where no GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE has been assigned.

For NHS PATIENTS treated overseas, the commissioner of the overseas treatment is responsible for assuring that the overseas doctor is provided with a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER. In the case of overseas doctors the default code C9999998 should only be used where no GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER has been assigned.

All Midwife Episodes are identified in the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set (CDS) and Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) by a pseudo MAIN SPECIALTY CODE, 560, see Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes. A default code is used in the CONSULTANT CODE field to show that a MIDWIFE is the responsible professional. Note that the midwife's own code is not used.

All Nursing Episodes are identified in the Admitted Patient CDS and HES by a pseudo MAIN SPECIALTY CODE, 950, see Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes. A default code is used in the CONSULTANT CODE field to show that a NURSE is the responsible professional. Note that the nurse's own Nursing and Midwifery Council code is not used.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	CONSULTANT CODES

DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN)

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

~~The General Medical Council (GMC) allocates all doctors a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE when they qualify.~~ The General Medical Council (GMC) allocates all doctors a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER when they qualify.

If a doctor chooses to enter general practice in England or Wales, a further 6-digit number is allocated by the Department of Health. This number is referred to as the DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN).

~~The DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN) is passed to the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD), which adds a leading character and a check digit to create the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE.~~ The DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN) is passed to the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD), which adds a leading character and a check digit to create the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE. The NHS BSA PPD use this for the issue of prescription pads, etc.

~~A doctor can be both a GENERAL PRACTITIONER and a Hospital Consultant, and therefore hold a DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN), GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE and a CONSULTANT CODE simultaneously.~~ A doctor can be both a GENERAL PRACTITIONER and a Hospital Consultant, and therefore hold a DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN), GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE and a CONSULTANT CODE simultaneously.

Doctor Index Number Code Table

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position						Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6				
Doctor Index Number	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Dept of Health	GMPs in England & Wales	DIN	Allocated to a doctor upon applying to enter General Practice in England or Wales

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	DOCTOR INDEX NUMBERS (DIN)

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE

Change to Attribute: Change to Name

~~GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE~~ GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODE renamed GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

The General Dental Council (GDC) allocates GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS a GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER when qualified.

~~General Dental Council Codes for General Dental Practitioners~~

General Dental Council Numbers for General Dental Practitioners

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
General Dental Council Code	0	0	0	0	0	0			General Dental Council	Dentists, Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Dental Nurses, Dental Technicians, Dental Consultants in UK	GDC	GDC is the governing body - all dentists receive a GMC code when qualified
General Dental Council Number	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			General Dental Council	Dentists, Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Dental Nurses, Dental Technicians, Dental Consultants in UK	GDC	GDC is the governing body - all dentists receive a GMC number when qualified

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias

plural	GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL CODES
plural	GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBERS

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE

Change to Attribute: Change to Name

~~GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE~~ GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE renamed GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

A code uniquely identifying a GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

~~For GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (GPs) working as CONSULTANTS, the GP's General Medical Council (GMC) code should be used. For GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (GPs) working as CONSULTANTS, the GENERAL PRACTITIONERS's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER should be used.~~

General Medical Council Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position							Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
General Medical Council Code	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	General Medical Council	GMPs & Consultants in the UK	GMC	GMC is the governing body - all doctors receive a GMC code upon qualifying.
General Medical Council Number	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	General Medical Council	GMPs & Consultants in the UK	GMC	GMC is the governing body - all doctors receive a GMC number upon qualifying.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODES

plural

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBERS

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE

Change to Attribute: Change to Name

~~GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE~~ GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE renamed GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE

Change to Attribute: Change to Aliases

This is the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) code to identify a GENERAL PRACTITIONER.

The DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN) is passed to the NHS BSA PPD, which adds a leading character and a check digit to create the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE. The NHS BSA PPD use this for the issue of prescription pads, etc.

In the event of a GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER running more than one practice, a spurious code will be assigned to the Practitioner for each additional practice, these codes are NOT based on the practitioners DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN).

England and Wales General Medical Practitioner Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
General Medical Practitioner Code	G	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS BSA PPD	Prescribing GMPs in England & Wales	GMP	Derived from Doctor Index Number (DIN) – NHS BSA PPD add leading G and a check digit. Associated with practice

In addition to a GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE, a General Medical Practitioner may have one or more spurious General Practitioner Code(s). ~~These are allocated if a GP works in additional General Medical Practices.~~ These are allocated if a GENERAL PRACTITIONER works in additional General Medical Practices. The spurious General Practitioner Codes are not derived from the DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN), but do follow the same format as the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE, and are allocated by the NHS BSA PPD. All spurious General Practitioner Codes begin with either 'G6' or 'G7'.

Scottish General Medical Practitioner Code format

Practitioner	Character Position	Allocated	Allocated	Known	Notes
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Code Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	By	To	As	
Scottish General Medical Practitioner Code	S	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Information Standards Division (Scotland)	GMPs in Scotland	GMP	

Northern Ireland General Medical Practitioner Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Northern Ireland General Medical Practitioner Code	Z	E, N, S, W	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0	Northern Ireland Dept of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	GMPs in Northern Ireland	GMP	

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODES
plural	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODES

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATE

Change to Attribute: Change to Name

~~OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATE~~ OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER END DATE

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATE renamed OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER END DATE

Change to Attribute: Change to Aliases, Change to Description

~~The date on which a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE becomes invalid because the OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER has ceased to be employed by a Health Authority.~~ The date on which a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER becomes invalid because the OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER has ceased to be employed by a Health Authority.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE END DATES

plural

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER END DATES

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE START DATE

Change to Attribute: Change to Name

~~OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE START DATE~~ OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER START DATE

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE START DATE renamed OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER START DATE

Change to Attribute: Change to Aliases, Change to Description

~~The date on which a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE starts because the OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER has become employed by a Health Authority.~~ The date on which a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER starts because the OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER has become employed by a Health Authority.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC CODE START DATES
plural	OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMC NUMBER START DATES

CONSULTANT CODE

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length:	an8
HES item:	CONSULT
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	C9999998 - Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) code not known
	D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board code not known
Default Codes:	C9999998 - Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) number not known
	CD999998 - Dental Consultant: General Medical Council (GMC) number/ General Dental Council (GDC) number not known
	D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known
	M9999998 - Midwife
	N9999998 - Nurse
	H9999998 - Other health care professional

Notes:

This is the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE for the CONSULTANT. For GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (GPs) working as CONSULTANTS, the GP's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE should be used, see data item note for GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP). This is the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER for the CONSULTANT. For GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS working as CONSULTANTS, the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER should be used, see data item note for GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP). For NHS patients treated overseas, the commissioner of the overseas treatment is responsible for ensuring that the overseas doctor is provided with a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE. In the case of overseas doctors the default code G9999998 should only be used where no GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE has been assigned. For NHS PATIENTS treated overseas, the commissioner of the overseas treatment is responsible for assuring that the overseas doctor is provided with a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER. In the case of overseas doctors the default code C9999998 should only be used where no GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER has been assigned.

For GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS, working as CONSULTANTS, the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER should be used, prefixed with "C". Where a Dental CONSULTANT doesn't have a , the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER, the GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER should be used, prefixed with "CD". Where a Dental CONSULTANT doesn't have a doesn't have a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER or a GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER, the default code should be used. All Midwife Episodes and attendances are identified in the Commissioning Data Sets (CDS) and Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) by a pseudo MAIN SPECIALTY CODE, 560, see Main Specialty And Treatment Function Codes. A default code is used in the CONSULTANT CODE field to show that a MIDWIFE is the responsible professional. Note that the midwife's own code is not used.

All Nursing Episodes and attendances are identified in the CDSs and HES by a pseudo MAIN SPECIALTY CODE, 950, see Main Specialty And Treatment Function Codes. A default code is used in the CONSULTANT CODE field to show that a NURSE is the responsible professional. Note that the nurse's own Nursing and Midwifery Council code is not used.

Midwife Episode is an ACTIVITY GROUP where the ACTIVITY GROUP TYPE is National Code 24 'Midwife Episode'.

Nursing Episode is an ACTIVITY GROUP where the ACTIVITY GROUP TYPE is National Code 26 'Nursing Episode'.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	CONSULTANT CODES

GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP)

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length:	an8
HES item:	REGGMP
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	G9999998 - General Medical Practitioner (GMP) code not known G9999981 - No registered General Practitioner R9999981 - Referrer other than General Medical Practitioner, General Dental Practitioner or Consultant Other GP Codes A9999998 - Ministry of Defence (MoD) doctor P9999981 - Prison doctor

Notes:

This is the code of the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) with whom the PATIENT is registered.

~~A doctor receives a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE on qualification. A doctor receives a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER on qualification. If he/she then chooses to enter general practice, a further number is allocated (the DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN)) by the Information Centre for health and social care (IC). This number is passed to the Primary Care Trust (PCT) requesting the number who then liaise with the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) on the issue of prescription pads etc. The NHS BSA PPD use the number to derive the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE by prefixing it with the character 'G' and adding a check digit at the end. The GMP code linked to his/her main practice is included on the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) CD-ROM and the NACS NHSnet website. This number is passed to the Primary Care Trust (PCT) requesting the number who then liaise with the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) on the issue of prescription pads etc. The NHS BSA PPD use the number to derive the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE by prefixing it with the character 'G' and adding a check digit at the end. The GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER code linked to his/her main practice is included on the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) CD-ROM and the NACS NHSnet website.~~

~~The GMP code is an eight character alphanumeric code, see PERSON IDENTIFIER and GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE. The GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER code is an eight character alphanumeric code, see PERSON IDENTIFIER and GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE.~~

~~When a locum refers, use the code of the GP for whom the locum is acting. See GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GMP (PPD) CODE. When a locum refers, use the code of the GENERAL PRACTITIONER for whom the locum is acting. See GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE.~~

~~For GPs working in hospitals, the following codes should be used. For GENERAL PRACTITIONERS working in hospitals, the following codes should be used:~~

- ~~- if the GP is working as an assistant, use the code of the responsible consultant;~~
- if the GENERAL PRACTITIONER is working as an assistant, use the code of the responsible consultant;
- ~~- if the GP is working as a consultant, use the GP's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) CODE.~~
- if the GENERAL PRACTITIONER is working as a consultant, use the GENERAL PRACTITIONER's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER.

~~Whilst both Ministry of Defence (MoD) and prison doctors provide general medical services to their communities, they are not GMPs and should not be recorded as Registered GMPs. Whilst Ministry of Defence (MoD) doctors provide general medical services to their communities, they are not GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS and should not be recorded as Registered GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS. They can refer (REFERRER CODE).~~

~~For the NACS contact details, see Contact Details. For the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) contact details, see Contact Details.~~

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMPS)

REFERRER CODE

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length:	an8
HES item:	REFERRER
National Codes:	

Default Codes:	C9999998 - Consultant General Medical Council (GMC) Code not known
Default Codes:	C9999998 - Consultant General Medical Council (GMC) number not known CD999998 - Dental Consultant: General Medical Council (GMC) number/ General Dental Council (GDC) number not known D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known R9999981 - Referrer other than General Medical Practitioner, General Dental Practitioner or Consultant X9999998 - Not applicable, e.g. patient has self-presented or not known

Notes:

This requires the code of the PERSON making the referral. This will normally be a CARE PROFESSIONAL - a GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER or a CONSULTANT.

The intention is for this item to reflect the actual (true) referrer. For example, following a GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER referral, a CONSULTANT may subsequently refer the PATIENT to another CONSULTANT within the Hospital Provider Spell. ~~The code of the CONSULTANT making the referral and the CONSULTANTS organisation should be recorded in the Commissioning Data Set (CDS) rather than the code of the GMP referrer. This also applies where a CONSULTANT refers an NHS PATIENT to another doctor for NHS-commissioned treatment at another NHS Trust, a non-NHS provider, or an overseas provider.~~ The code of the CONSULTANT making the referral and the CONSULTANTS ORGANISATION should be recorded in the Commissioning Data Set (CDS) rather than the code of the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER referrer. This also applies where a CONSULTANT refers an NHS PATIENT to another doctor for NHS-commissioned treatment at another NHS Trust, a non-NHS provider, or an overseas provider. Where the CONSULTANT CODE is not known, the default value C9999998 should be used.

~~In all other cases, the code of the referring GMP should be recorded, if applicable.~~ In all other cases, the code of the referring GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER should be recorded, if applicable.

~~See CONSULTANT CODE and GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP) for the codes available for CONSULTANTS and GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS and GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS, Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Prison Doctors.~~ See CONSULTANT CODE and GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP) for the codes available for CONSULTANTS and GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS and GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS and Ministry of Defence (MoD) Doctors.

If the REFERRER CODE is not known or not applicable e.g., the PATIENT has self-presented, the default code (X9999998) should be used.

Hospital Provider Spell is an ACTIVITY GROUP where ACTIVITY GROUP TYPE is National Code 21 '*Hospital Provider Spell*'.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	REFERRER CODES

RESPONSIBLE CARE PROFESSIONAL CODE (OPCS)

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length: an8

HES item:	<i>See Table below</i>
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	C9999998 - Consultant, GMC code not known
Default Codes:	C9999998 - Consultant, General Medical Council (GMC) number not known
	D9999998 - Dentist, DPB code not known
	CD999998 - Dental Consultant: General Medical Council (GMC) number/ General Dental Council (GDC) number not known
	G9999998 - General Medical Practitioner, GMP code not known
	D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known
	G9999998 - General Medical Practitioner, GMP number not known
	H9999998 - Other care professional
	M9999998 - Midwife
	N9999998 - Nurse

Notes:

~~RESPONSIBLE CARE PROFESSIONAL CODE (OPCS) is the GMC, DPB or other professional registration code for the CARE PROFESSIONAL undertaking the OPCS-4 classified operative Patient Procedure.~~ RESPONSIBLE CARE PROFESSIONAL CODE (OPCS) is the GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER, Dental Practice Board or other professional registration code for the CARE PROFESSIONAL undertaking the OPCS-4 classified operative Patient Procedure. This will usually, but not exclusively, be the lead care professional or a junior member of the same team.

Where the actual professional registration code is unknown or the professional is not a doctor or a dentist, the appropriate default code should be used.

Patient Procedure is a CLINICAL INTERVENTION where CLINICAL INTERVENTION TYPE is National Code 25 'Patient Procedure'.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	RESPONSIBLE CARE PROFESSIONAL CODES (OPCS)

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