

Special Project 270: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MoHLTC) Other Referral Source

Participation

- Mandatory for all Ontario Level 3 emergency department abstracts when Referral Source Prior to Ambulatory Care Visit (data element 31) is 08 (Legal Service) and the patient was referred to the ED by law enforcement under the mental health act or by drug court.
- Optional for all other ED abstracts.
- Not applicable for Day Surgery or Other Ambulatory Care abstracts.

Project Overview

The purpose of this project is to identify patients which are referred to the ED by Referral Sources at a greater level of specificity than recorded in Referral Source Prior to Ambulatory Care Visit (data element).

This project is currently used by the Ontario MoHLTC to capture whether a patient is referred to the ED by law enforcement under the mental health act or by drug court. Uniquely identifying these distinct patient populations will help support regional and provincial analysis.

79 Project Number

Specifications	
Field Status	Mandatory if project 270 is recorded.
Field Length	Three (3) characters
Field Type	Numeric
Valid Data	270

This number is assigned to the Ontario MOHLTC Other Referral Source project.

Collection Guidelines

- Project 270 can be reported only once per abstract.
- The number 270 must not be used for other projects.
- If more than five special projects are reported on an abstract, Project 270 must be reported within the first five occurrences. This will ensure submission to CIHI.

80. Patient Referred to ED by Law Enforcement

Specifications	
Field Status	Mandatory if project 270 is coded.
Field Length	One (1) characters
Field Type	Alpha
Valid Data	D (drug court) or M (Mental Health Act)

Definition

The field indicates whether or not the patient was referred to the ED by drug court or apprehended by law enforcement under the Mental Health Act.

Valid Data Legend

Code	Description
D	Drug Court Patient was referred by drug court
M	Mental Health Act Patient was apprehended by law enforcement under the Mental Health Act

Collection Guidelines

- Information indicating whether the patient was apprehended by law enforcement under the Mental Health Act may be available from the triage, physician or clinical documentation, or an Emotionally Disturbed Patient (EDP) form or equivalent which is attached or referenced in the patient chart.

Example

- The Toronto drug treatment court referred the patient to the emergency department for random drug testing.

Data Element	Answer
80. Patient Referred to ED by Law Enforcement	D