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VASS checks 50181, 50632, 50633, 50634 and 50635 created

[DSCN 2017/07](#) mandated amendments to the Admission Method and Waiting List Date data items along with the introduction of new VASS checks to provide data quality assurance for Waiting List Date.

The new VASS checks that have been created within APC are as follows:
- 50181: Invalid Waiting List Date
- 50632: Inconsistent Decision to Admit Date / Admission Date
- 50633: Inconsistent Decision to Admit Date / Waiting List Date
- 50634: Inconsistent Waiting List Date / Admission Date
- 50635: Inconsistent Waiting List Date / Admission Method

Waiting List Date is considered valid if it is either blank or contains a valid date in the correct format.

The consistency of Waiting List Date is checked against Decision to Admit Date, Admission Date and Admission Method. For completeness, a check has also been introduced regarding the consistency of Decision to Admit Date against Admission Date.

Decision to Admit Date vs. Waiting List Date: Where the Waiting List Date is not blank, the Waiting List Date must either be later than or equal to the Decision to Admit Date.

Decision to Admit Date vs. Admission Date: The Admission Date must either be on the same day or later than the Decision to Admit Date.

Waiting List Date vs. Admission Date: Where the Waiting List Date is not blank, the Admission Date must either be on the same day or later than the Waiting List Date.

Waiting List Date vs. Admission Method: Where the Admission Method is 11, 12 or 13 (i.e. Elective Admissions) the Waiting List Date must contain a date (i.e. must not be blank).