

1st April 2015

**VASS Checks 50173 (APC), 51214 (OP), 20315 (OPR) and 59104 (CC) amended
Invalid Specialty of Treatment Code and Invalid Treatment Function Code**

In 2012, Health Boards responded to a Specialty Impact Assessment and highlighted the lack of clarity with the definition and use of identical codes lists for the Main Speciality (Consultant) and Treatment Function data items.

As part of an ongoing work programme to review and update definitions and codes associated with Specialty, the English Treatment Function list is being adopted with effect from the 1st of April 2015 as detailed in [DSCN 2014 / 08](#).

The Treatment Function code relates to the specialty under which a PATIENT is treated and is NOT the specialty of the consultant.

The logic behind the following VASS checks and the new Treatment Function lookup was updated to adopt the English treatment function list:

- 50173: Invalid Specialty of Treatment Code
- 51214: Invalid Treatment Function Code
- 20315: Invalid Treatment Function Code
- 59104: Invalid Treatment Function Code