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VASS checks 50115 and 51213 amended

The VASS checks relating to the validity of Consultant Code in APC and OP previously looked at both the validity of the code and the consistency with Site Code (of Treatment).

The checks have been amended to look at
- only the validity of the Consultant Code
  If it is decided that the consistency of Consultant Code in relation to other data items needs to be checked, then new consistency checks will be created.
- whether the Consultant Code relates to a clinician whose activity is within the scope of the data set

VASS check 50115: Invalid Consultant Code (APC) now checks whether a consultant code exists within reference data (WRDS), and whether it relates to an actual consultant as opposed to a junior doctor. *The APC ds captures data for all consultant-led admitted patient activity.*

VASS check 51213: Invalid Consultant Code (OP) now checks whether a consultant code exists within reference data (WRDS), and whether it relates to an actual consultant (as opposed to a junior doctor) or independent nurse or midwife. *The OP ds captures data for all consultant, independent nurse-led or midwifery outpatient activity.*