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getReferences (String)

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public ObjectReference [] getReferences (String attributeName)
throws InvalidParameterException
```

This method retrieves references of the business object or notification. If the business object was obtained in the first place by the calls to the [getEntity](#) or [getEntities](#) methods of the [IExecutionEngine](#) interface the [getReferences](#) method will always return null for multiple references (it will always return the only existing reference if the attribute is a single reference). Use the [getAllReferences](#) method in the [IExecutionEngine](#) interface to obtain all multiple references of the business object.

Parameters

attributeName	The name of the attribute of the business object or notification the references of which are returned (must be of the reference type)
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Returns

The references as [ObjectReference](#) objects or null if no objects are referenced by the specified attribute.

Throws

InvalidParameterException	if the specified attribute name does not exist in the business object or notification or it is not a reference.
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