

Patient presentation at emergency department

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
METEOR identifier:	327262
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	<p>The presentation of a patient at an emergency department occurs following the arrival of the patient at the emergency department and is the earliest occasion of being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• registered clerically; or• triaged.
Context:	Admitted patient care.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	<p>Provided with a service by a treating medical officer or nurse. (In hospital data collection systems, the time and date of the first contact would be selected from the earliest three different recorded times.)</p> <p>The act of receiving treatment in the emergency department is logically preceded by some form of triage event - either formally or informally. For instance, a patient may be so critically ill that they by-pass the formal triage process to receive resuscitative intervention. However, the act of prioritising access to care according to the level of need has still occurred.</p> <p>This metadata item supports the provision of unit record and/or summary level data by state and territory health authorities as part of the National Minimum Data Set - Emergency department waiting times.</p>
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Is re-engineered from  Patient presentation at emergency department, version 1, DEC, NHDD, NHMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (13.5 KB)</p> <p><i>No registration status</i></p>
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