

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Triage category
METEOR identifier:	390392
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 29/01/2012
Definition:	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care as assessed at triage, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category
Value Domain:	Triage category code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds)
	2	Emergency: within 10 minutes
	3	Urgent: within 30 minutes
	4	Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes
	5	Non-urgent: within 120 minutes

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	<p>This triage classification is to be used in the emergency departments of hospitals. Patients will be triaged into one of five categories on the National Triage Scale according to the triageur's response to the question: 'This patient should wait for medical care no longer than ...?'.</p> <p>The triage category is allocated by an experienced registered nurse or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, both triage categories can be captured, but the original category must be reported in this data element.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Origin:	National Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N Health , Superseded 22/12/2009
	Has been superseded by Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N Health , Superseded 30/01/2012
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11 Health , Superseded 18/01/2011 Implementation start date: 01/07/2010 Implementation end date: 30/06/2011
Implementation in Indicators:	Used as Numerator National Healthcare Agreement: P23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2010 Health , Superseded 08/06/2011 National Healthcare Agreement: P35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2010 Health , Superseded 08/06/2011 National Healthcare Agreement: PB 05-By 2012–13, 80 per cent of emergency department presentations are seen within clinically recommended triage times as recommended by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, 2011 Health , Superseded 30/10/2011 National Healthcare Agreement: PB 05-By 2012–13, 80 per cent of emergency department presentations are seen within clinically recommended triage times as recommended by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, 2012 Health , Retired 25/06/2013 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2013 Health , Superseded 30/04/2014 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2014 Health , Superseded 14/01/2015 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2015 Health , Superseded 08/07/2016 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2013 Health , Superseded 30/04/2014 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2014 Health , Superseded 14/01/2015 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2015 Health , Superseded 08/07/2016 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2011 Health , Superseded 31/10/2011 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2011 Health , Superseded 31/10/2011 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2012 Health , Superseded 25/06/2013 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2011 Health , Superseded 31/10/2011 National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012 Health , Superseded 25/06/2013

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