ambulances equipped with 12-lead ECG
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# Acute coronary syndromes: 2a-Proportion of ambulances equipped with 12-lead ECG

# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Indicator Indicator type: Indicator

**Short name:** Indicator 2a-Proportion of ambulances equipped with 12-lead ECG

METEOR identifier: 612029

Registration status: Health, Standard 12/09/2016

**Description:** Proportion of ambulances that respond to acute chest pain calls that are equipped

with a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) in the Local Hospital Network (LHN)

or reference ambulance service.

Rationale: Early diagnosis allows ambulance personnel/officers to initiate treatment and alert

the emergency department (ED) with the diagnostic information to optimise door-to-needle time and time to other interventions. The *Guidelines for the management* of acute coronary syndromes 2006 recommend that "a 12-lead ECG should be taken en route and transmitted to a medical facility" (Acute Coronary Syndrome

Guidelines Working Group 2006).

Indicator set: Clinical care standard indicators: acute coronary syndromes

Health, Standard 12/09/2016

Outcome area: <u>Early assessment</u>

Health, Standard 12/09/2016

#### Collection and usage attributes

**Computation description:** Both the numerator and the denominator include eligible ambulances, which are

those attending to acute chest pain calls. Both the numerator and the denominator

also include ambulances in the LHN or reference ambulance service. The

'reference ambulance service' is the ambulance sector that provides services to the hospital. It may be aligned with the LHN, or operate within a slightly different

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geographic boundary.

The numerator includes eligible ambulances equipped with a 12-lead ECG.

Presented as a percentage.

**Computation:** (Numerator ÷ denominator) x 100

**Numerator:** Number of eligible ambulances equipped with a 12-lead ECG in the LHN or

reference ambulance service.

**Denominator:** Number of eligible ambulances in the LHN or reference ambulance service.

#### Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Service type

Format: N[NN]

## **Accountability attributes**

Other issues caveats: This indicator was first promulgated in 2014. It was developed through clinical

consensus by the Acute Coronary Syndromes Clinical Care Standard Topic Working Group to support Quality statement 2 - Early assessment in the *Acute* 

Coronary Syndromes Clinical Care Standard (ACSQHC 2014).

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Reference documents: Acute Coronary Syndrome Guidelines Working Group 2006. Guidelines for the

management of acute coronary syndromes 2006. Medical Journal of

Australia 184(8):S1-S30.

ACSQHC (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care) 2014.

Acute coronary syndromes clinical care standard. Sydney: ACSQHC.