Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time (to hospital admission), total hours and minutes NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department waiting time to admission
METEOR identifier:	270004
Registration status:	Health, Retired 02/04/2014
Definition:	The time elapsed for each patient from presentation to the emergency department to **admission** to hospital.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time (to hospital admission)
Value Domain:	Total hours and minutes NNNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4
Unit of measure:	Hour and minute

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The format NNNN should be populated with valid values to represent the concept of hours and minutes. The first, second and fourth digits may be represented with values ranging from 0 to 9. The third digit may only be represented with values between 0 and 5.

For example: A value of 9 hours and 59 minutes is a valid response, and would be represented as 0959. However a value of 12 hours and 68 minutes would not be a valid response.

This value domain was previously represented with a format of HHMM. |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Calculated from admission date and time minus date and time patient presents for those emergency department patients who are admitted.
Collection methods:	To be collected on patients presenting to emergency department for unplanned care in public hospitals with emergency department and private hospitals providing contracted services for the public sector.

Comments: This is a critical waiting times metadata item. It is used to examine the length of waiting time, for performance indicators and benchmarking. Information based on this metadata item will have many uses including to assist in the planning and management of hospitals and in health care research.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018
[National Health Performance Authority (retired)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission time, hhmm](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Is formed using [Health service event—presentation date, DDMMYYYY](#)
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Is formed using [Health service event—presentation time, hhmm](#)
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

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[Health](#), Superseded 24/03/2006

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