

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:	270078
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 22/12/2009
Definition:	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care, 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: 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 ...?'.

The triage category is allocated by an experienced [registered nurse](#) or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, record the more urgent category.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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[Health](#), Superseded 29/01/2012

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 01/10/2008

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2012

DSS specific information: This data element should only be collected for patients who presented to the emergency department for treatment related to acute coronary syndromes.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 24/03/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-08](#)

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)

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