

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Triage category
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270078
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 22/12/2009
<b>Definition:</b>	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269549
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 29/01/2012
<b>Definition:</b>	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care.
<b>Context:</b>	Emergency department care:  Required to provide data for analysis of emergency department processes.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Triage category</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Triage category code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270677
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 31/10/2012 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 25/01/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the <a href="#">triage</a> categories.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds)
	2	Emergency: within 10 minutes
	3	Urgent: within 30 minutes
	4	Semi-urgent: within 60 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:** Has been superseded by [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 29/01/2012

Is re-engineered from  [Triage category, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.3 KB)  
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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

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

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

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-08](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2010