
Triage category

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000355 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care.
Context: Emergency department care:
Required to provide data for analysis of emergency department processes.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 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
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.
Related metadata: relates to the data element Non-admitted patient version 1
relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to

admission version 1
relates to the data element concept Patient presentation at
emergency department version 1
relates to the data element Time patient presents version 1
relates to the data element Type of visit version 1
relates to the data element Date of triage version 1
relates to the data element Time of triage version 1
relates to the data element Date of service event version 1
relates to the data element Time of service event version 1
relates to the data element Admission date version 4
relates to the data element Admission time version 2
relates to the data element Date patient presents version 2
relates to the data element Emergency department departure status
version 2
relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to
service delivery version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: National Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency
Medicine

Source Organisation:

Comments: This data element supports the provision of unit record and/or
summary level data by State and Territory health authorities as
part of the NMDS - Emergency department waiting times.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Assessment event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Emergency department waiting times	From 01-Jul-99 to 05-Dec-03
NMDS - Non-admitted patient emergency department care	From 01-Jul-03 to
DSS - Acute coronary syndrome (clinical)	From 04-Jun-04 to
