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# Time patient presents

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000351                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-JUL-01  
Definition: The time at which the patient presents at the Emergency Department for the delivery of a service.  
Context: Admitted patient care: required to identify commencement of a visit and for calculation of waiting times.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE  
Representation layout: HHMM  
Minimum Size: 4  
Maximum Size: 4  
Data Domain: NOVAL                      Expressed as hours and minutes using 24-hour clock  
Guide For Use: The time of patient presentation at the Emergency Department is the earliest occasion of being registered clerically or triaged.  
Verification Rules:  
Collection Methods: .  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Admission date version 3  
relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to service delivery 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 Date patient presents 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 Triage category 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 time version 1  
has been superseded by Time patient presents version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Institution Based Ambulatory Model Reference Group;  
NHDC

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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 Emergency Department Waiting Times National Minimum Data Set.

### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Emergency department waiting times From 01-Jul-99 to 30-Jun-01

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