Time patient presents

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000351

Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG

Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: The time at which the patient presents for the delivery of a service.

Context: Admitted patient care.
Community health care.
Hospital non-admitted patient care:
Required to identify commencement of a visit and for calculation of waiting times.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form:

Representation layout: HHMM

Minimum Size: 4

Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAL   hours and minutes using 24-hour clock

Guide For Use: For community health care, outreach services and services provided via telephone or telehealth, this may be the time at which the service provider presents to the patient or the telephone/telehealth session commences.

The time of patient presentation at the emergency department is the earliest occasion of being registered clerically or triaged.

The time that the patient presents is not necessarily:
- the listing time for care (see Listing date for care data element concept for an analogous concept), nor
- the time at which care is scheduled to be provided, nor
- the time at which commencement of care actually occurs (for

admitted patients see Admission time, for hospital non-admitted patient care and community health care see Time of commencement of service event).

Related metadata: 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
supersedes previous data element Time 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 Admission time version 2
relates to the data element Date patient presents version 2
supersedes previous data element Time of commencement of service event version 2
relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to service delivery version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Institution Based Ambulatory Model Reference Group
National Health Data Committee

Comments: This data element is required to identify commencement of a visit and for calculation of waiting times. It 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-01 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