NMDS - Non-admitted patient emergency department care

Start date: 01-JUL-03

End date:

Scope: This metadata set is nationally mandated for collection and reporting.

The scope of this NMDS is non-admitted patients registered for care in emergency departments in selected public hospitals that are classified as either Peer Group A or B in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Australian Hospital Statistics publication from the preceding financial year.

The care provided to patients in emergency departments is, in most instances, recognised as being provided to 'non-admitted' patients. Patients being treated in emergency departments may subsequently become 'admitted'. The care provided to non-admitted patients who are treated in the emergency department prior to being admitted is included in this NMDS.

Care provided to patients who are being treated in an emergency department site as an admitted patient (e.g. in an observation unit, short-stay unit, 'Emergency department ward' or awaiting a bed in an admitted patient ward of the hospital) are excluded from the emergency department
care NMDS since the recording of the care provided to these patients is part of the scope of the Admitted patient care NMDS.

Statistical units: Non-admitted patient emergency department service episodes

National reporting arrangements:

State and Territory health authorities provide the NMDS data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis within 3 months of the end of a reporting period.

The Institute and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing will agree on a data quality and timeliness protocol. Once cleaned, a copy of the data and a record of the changes made will be forwarded by the Institute to the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. A copy of the cleaned data for each jurisdiction should also be returned to

that jurisdiction on request.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated:
Financial years, ending 30 June each year. Extraction of data for a financial year should be based on the date of the end of the non-admitted emergency department service episode.

Scope links with other metadata sets: Episodes of care for admitted patients are reported through the Admitted patient care NMDS

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

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Data elements linked to this Data set specification

Name	Data	Reg.	ID	Ver	Type	Current
Area of usual residence	NHDD	NHIMG	000016	3	Data Element	Current
Australian State/Territory identifier	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002025	4	Data Element	Current
Compensable status	NHDD	NHIMG	000026	3	Data Element	Current
Country of birth	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002004	4	Data Element	Current
Date of birth	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002005	5	Data Element	Current
Date patient presents	NHDD	NHIMG	000350	2	Data Element	Current
Department of Veterans' Affairs patient	NHDD	NHIMG	000421	1	Data Element	Current
Emergency department - public	NHDD	NHIMG	000815	1	Data	Current

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Emergency department arrival mode - transport	NHDD	NHIMG	000816	1	Data Element	Current
Emergency department departure status	NHDD	NHIMG	000359	2	Data Element	Current
Emergency department waiting time to service delivery	NHDD	NHIMG	000347	2	Derived Data Element	Current
Establishment identifier	NHDD	NHIMG	000050	4	Derived Data Element	Current
Establishment number	NHDD	NHIMG	000377	4	Data Element	Current
Establishment sector	NHDD	NHIMG	000379	4	Data Element	Current
Indigenous status	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002009	5	Data Element	Current
Length of non-admitted patient emergency department service episode	NHDD	NHIMG	000829	1	Derived Data Element	Current
Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode	NHDD	NHIMG	000836	1	Data Element Concept	Current
Patient presentation at emergency department	NHDD	NHIMG	000349	1	Data Element Concept	Current
Person identifier	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002020	2	Data Element	Current
Region code	NHDD	NHIMG	000378	2	Data Element	Current
Sex	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002024	4	Data Element	Current
Time patient presents	NHDD	NHIMG	000351	2	Data Element	Current
Triage category	NHDD	NHIMG	000355	1	Data Element	Current
Type of visit to emergency department	NHDD	NHIMG	000352	2	Data Element	Current