Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	319769
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
DSS type:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
Scope:	This metadata set is nationally mandated for collection and reporting.

The scope of this National Minimum Data Set (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.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episodes.
Collection methods:	*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.

Implementation start date:	01/07/2005
Implementation end date:	30/06/2006
Comments:	*Scope links with other metadata sets*

Episodes of care for admitted patients are reported through the Admitted patient care NMDS.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Information Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

Has been superseded by [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Episode of care—funding eligibility indicator (Department of Veterans' Affairs), code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Health service event—presentation date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Health service event—presentation time, hhmm](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—patient departure status, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service commencement time, hhmm](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service episode length, total minutes NNNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—transport mode (arrival), code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage time, hhmm](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Patient—compensable status, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2004) NNNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—country of birth, code (SACC 1998) NNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This field must not be null.

National Minimum Data Sets:

For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies this field must:

- be less than or equal to Admission date, Date patient presents or Service contact date
- be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—sex, code N](#)	Mandatory	1