

# Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Emergency department departure time
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	322610
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 22/12/2011</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The time at which a patient departs an emergency department after a stay.
<b>Context:</b>	Emergency department care.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Emergency department stay—physical departure time</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Time
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	hhmm
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Reference documents:</b>	ISO 8601:2000 : Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Each emergency department stay should include a non-admitted patient emergency department service episode component. The value of the episode end status code should guide the selection of the value to be recorded in this field:

- If the patient is subsequently admitted then record the time the patient leaves the Emergency Department to go to the admitted patient facility. Physically moving the patient to a bed in an emergency department specialist care unit (including EMU, short stay ward, emergency care unit or observation unit) is defined as representing departure from the emergency department.
- If the service episode is completed without the patient being admitted, including referral to another hospital, record the time the patient leaves the Emergency Department.
- If the patient did not wait record the time the patient leaves the Emergency Department or was first noticed as having left.
- If the patient left at their own risk record the time the patient leaves the Emergency Department.
- If the patient died in the Emergency Department record the time of death.
- If the patient was dead on arrival then record the time of presentation at the Emergency Department.

**Collection methods:**

Collected in conjunction with emergency department stay physical departure date.

**Comments:**

This data element has been developed for the purpose of State and Territory compliance with the Australian Health Care Agreement and the agreed national access performance indicator.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2012

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

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

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2006

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2007

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-08 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

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*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2008

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-10 Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

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*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2010

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11 Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2010

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2011-12 Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2012  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Candidate 16/07/2015

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***DSS specific information:***

Data collected for this item from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 may not comply with the above requirements. Therefore, data collected from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 may not be directly comparable to data collected between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2011.

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