



Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009

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Metadata items

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Metadata item type:</i>	Data Set Specification
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	363530
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 05/02/2008
<i>DSS type:</i>	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
<i>Scope:</i>	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

<i>Statistical unit:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episodes.
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<i>Collection methods:</i>	National reporting arrangements
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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.

<i>Implementation start date:</i>	01/07/2008
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<i>Comments:</i>	Scope links with other metadata sets
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Episodes of care for admitted patients are reported through the

Admitted patient care NMDS.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Information Management Principal Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008](#) Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

<i>Seq No.</i>	<i>Metadata item</i>	<i>Obligation</i>	<i>Max occurs</i>
-	Person – area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2007) NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage date, DDMMYYYY	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 – triage time, hhmm	Mandatory	1
-	Patient – compensable status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person – country of birth, code (SACC 1998) NNNN	Conditional	1
-	Person – date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Health service event – presentation date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of care – funding eligibility indicator (Department of Veterans Affairs), code N	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – transport mode (arrival), code N	Mandatory	1
-	Emergency department stay – physical departure date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Emergency department stay – physical departure time, hhmm	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end time, hhmm	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment – organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Person – Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service episode length, total minutes NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage category, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person – person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
-	Person – sex, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Health service event – presentation time, hhmm	Mandatory	1

- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – Mandatory 1
type of visit to emergency department, code N

Area of usual residence

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Person – area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2007) NNNNN
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	362291
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 05/02/2008
<i>Definition:</i>	Geographical location of usual residence of the person, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person – area of usual residence

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Classification scheme:</i>	Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2007
<i>Representation class:</i>	Code
<i>Data type:</i>	Number
<i>Format:</i>	NNNNN
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	5

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>The geographical location is reported using a five digit numerical code. The first digit is the single-digit code to indicate State or Territory. The remaining four digits are the numerical code for the Statistical Local Area (SLA) within the State or Territory.</p> <p>The single digit codes for the states and territories and the four digit codes for the SLAs are as defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).</p> <p>The ASGC is updated on an annual basis with a date of effect of 1 July each year. The codes for SLA are unique within each State and Territory, but not within the whole country. Thus, to define a unique location, the code of the State or Territory is required in addition to the code for the SLA.</p> <p>The Australian Bureau of Statistics '(ABS) National Localities Index (NLI) (ABS Catalogue number 1252.0) can be used to assign each locality or address in Australia to a SLA. The NLI is a comprehensive list of localities in Australia with their full code (including State or Territory and SLA) from the main structure of the ASGC.</p> <p>For the majority of localities, the locality name (suburb or town, for example) is sufficient to assign a SLA. However, some localities have the same name. For most of these, limited additional information such as the postcode or State can be used with the locality name to assign the SLA. In addition, other localities cross one or more SLA boundaries and are referred to as split localities. For these, the more detailed information of the number and street of the person's residence is used with the Streets Sub-index of the NLI to assign the SLA.</p>
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If the information available on the person's address indicates that it is in a split locality but is insufficient to assign an SLA, the code for the SLA which includes most of the split locality should be reported. This is in accordance with the NLI assignment of SLA when a split locality is identified and further detail about the address is not available.

The NLI does not assign a SLA code if the information about the address is insufficient to identify a locality, or is not an Australian locality. In these cases, the appropriate codes for undefined SLA within Australia (State or Territory unstated), undefined SLA within a stated State or Territory, no fixed place of abode (within Australia or within a stated State or Territory) or overseas should be used.

Collection methods:

When collecting the geographical location of a person's usual place of residence, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recommends that 'usual' be defined as: 'the place where the person has or intends to live for 6 months or more, or the place that the person regards as their main residence, or where the person has no other residence, the place they currently reside.' Apart from collecting a person's usual place of residence there is also a need in some collections to collect area of residence immediately prior to or after assistance is provided, or at some other point in time.

Comments:

Geographical location is reported using Statistical Local Area (SLA) to enable accurate aggregation of information to larger areas within the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) (such as Statistical Subdivisions and Statistical Divisions) as well as detailed analysis at the SLA level. The use of SLA also allows analysis relating the data to information compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the demographic and other characteristics of the population of each SLA. Analyses facilitated by the inclusion of SLA information include:

- comparison of the use of services by persons residing in different geographical areas,
- characterisation of catchment areas and populations for establishments for planning purposes, and
- documentation of the provision of services to residents of States or Territories other than the State or Territory of the provider.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Health Data Standards Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person – area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2006\) NNNNN](#) Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2008-09 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Community mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health,
Standard 05/02/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-
2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Perinatal NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Residential mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health,
Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Date of triage

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage date, DDMMYYYY
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	313815
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 07/12/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The date on which the patient is triaged .
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Date
<i>Data type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Format:</i>	DDMMYYYY
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Collection methods:</i>	Collected in conjunction with non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage time.
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Triage – triage date, DDMMYYYY Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

<i>Implementation start date:</i>	01/07/2008
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Emergency department date of commencement of service event

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service commencement date, DDMMYYYY
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	313801
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 07/12/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The date on which a non-admitted patient emergency department service event commences.
<i>Context:</i>	Emergency Department care
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service commencement date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Date
<i>Data type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Format:</i>	DDMMYYYY
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	In an Emergency Department the service event commences when the medical officer (or, if no medical officer is on duty in the Emergency Department, a treating nurse) provides treatment or diagnostic service. The date of triage is recorded separately. The commencement of a service event does not include contact associated with triage.
<i>Collection methods:</i>	Collected in conjunction with non-admitted patient emergency department service commencement time.

Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Health service event – service commencement date, DDMMYYYY Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Emergency department time of commencement of service event

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service commencement time, hhmm
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	313806
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 07/12/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The time at which a non-admitted patient emergency department service event commences.
<i>Context:</i>	Emergency Department care
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service commencement time

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

<i>Reference documents:</i>	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

<i>Guide for use:</i>	In an Emergency Department the service event commences when the medical officer (or, if no medical officer is on duty in the Emergency Department, a treating nurse) provides treatment or diagnostic service. The time of triage is recorded separately. The commencement of a service event does not include contact associated with triage.
<i>Collection methods:</i>	Collected in conjunction with non-admitted patient emergency department service episode service commencement date.

Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Health service event – service commencement time, hhmm Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-

2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-
2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Time of triage

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage time, hhmm
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	313817
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 07/12/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The time at which the patient is triaged .
<i>Context:</i>	Emergency Department care.
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage time

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

<i>Reference documents:</i>	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

<i>Collection methods:</i>	Collected in conjunction with non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – triage date.
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Triage – triage time, hhmm Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date:

01/07/2008

Compensable status

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Patient – compensable status, code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270100
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	Whether or not a patient is a compensable patient , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Patient – compensable status

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code								
<i>Data type:</i>	Number								
<i>Format:</i>	N								
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	1								
<i>Permissible values:</i>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Compensable</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Non-compensable</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Not stated/not known</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Compensable	2	Non-compensable	9	Not stated/not known
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1	Compensable								
2	Non-compensable								
9	Not stated/not known								
<i>Supplementary values:</i>									

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	This definition of compensable patient excludes eligible beneficiaries (Department of Veterans' Affairs), Defence Force personnel and persons covered by the Motor Accident Compensation Scheme, Northern Territory.
<i>Comments:</i>	To assist in the analyses of utilisation and health care funding.

Source and reference attributes

<i>Origin:</i>	National Health Data Committee
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Compensable status, version 3, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (15.25 KB)
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Country of birth

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Person – country of birth, code (SACC 1998) NNNN
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270277
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Community services, Standard 01/03/2005 Housing assistance, Standard 20/06/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The country in which the person was born, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person – country of birth

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Classification scheme:</i>	Standard Australian Classification of Countries 1998
<i>Representation class:</i>	Code
<i>Data type:</i>	Number
<i>Format:</i>	NNNN
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	4

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 1998 (SACC) is a four-digit, three-level hierarchical structure specifying major group, minor group and country.</p> <p>A country, even if it comprises other discrete political entities such as states, is treated as a single unit for all data domain purposes. Parts of a political entity are not included in different groups. Thus, Hawaii is included in Northern America (as part of the identified country United States of America), despite being geographically close to and having similar social and cultural characteristics as the units classified to Polynesia.</p>
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Collection methods:</i>	<p>Some data collections ask respondents to specify their country of birth. In others, a pre-determined set of countries is specified as part of the question, usually accompanied by an 'other (please specify)' category.</p> <p>Recommended questions are:</p> <p>In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born? Australia Other (please specify)</p> <p>Alternatively, a list of countries may be used based on, for example common Census responses.</p> <p>In which country were you/was the person/was (name) born? Australia England</p>
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New Zealand
Italy
Viet Nam
Scotland
Greece
Germany
Philippines
India
Netherlands
Other (please specify)

In either case coding of data should conform to the SACC.
Sometimes respondents are simply asked to specify whether they were born in either 'English speaking' or 'non-English speaking' countries but this question is of limited use and this method of collection is not recommended.

Comments:

This metadata item is consistent with that used in ABS collections and is recommended for use whenever there is a requirement for comparison with ABS data.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:

National Health Data Committee
National Community Services Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Country of birth, version 4, DE, Int. NCSDD & NHDD, NCSIMG & NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (19.86 KB)

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005
Admitted patient care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Admitted patient care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
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Admitted patient mental health care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
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Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008
Admitted patient palliative care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2007-08 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2008-09 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health, Superseded 21/03/2006

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 15/02/2006

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 04/07/2007

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 04/07/2007

Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006 Community services, Standard 27/04/2007

Community mental health care 2004-2005 Health, Superseded 08/12/2004

Community mental health care NMDS 2005-2006 Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Community mental health care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Community mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Community mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSS Health, Standard 04/05/2005

Health care client identification Health, Superseded 04/05/2005

Health care client identification DSS Health, Standard 04/05/2005

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Perinatal NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Perinatal NMDS Health, Superseded 06/09/2006

Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Perinatal NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Residential mental health care NMDS 2005-2006 Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Residential mental health care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Residential mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

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Standard 05/02/2008
SAAP Client Collection National Minimum Data Set
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SAAP Demand for Accommodation National Minimum Data
Set Community services, Standard 30/11/2007

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Date of birth

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Person – date of birth, DDMMYYYY
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	287007
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 04/05/2005 Community services, Standard 25/08/2005 Housing assistance, Standard 20/06/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The date of birth of the person.
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Person – date of birth

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Date
<i>Data type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Format:</i>	DDMMYYYY
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>If date of birth is not known or cannot be obtained, provision should be made to collect or estimate age. Collected or estimated age would usually be in years for adults, and to the nearest three months (or less) for children aged less than two years. Additionally, an estimated date flag or a date accuracy indicator should be reported in conjunction with all estimated dates of birth.</p> <p>For data collections concerned with children's services, it is suggested that the estimated date of birth of children aged under 2 years should be reported to the nearest 3 month period, i.e. 0101, 0104, 0107, 0110 of the estimated year of birth. For example, a child who is thought to be aged 18 months in October of one year would have his/her estimated date of birth reported as 0104 of the previous year. Again, an estimated date flag or date accuracy indicator should be reported in conjunction with all estimated dates of birth.</p>
<i>Collection methods:</i>	<p>Information on date of birth can be collected using the one question:</p> <p>What is your/(the person's) date of birth?</p> <p>In self-reported data collections, it is recommended that the following response format is used:</p> <p>Date of birth: __ / __ / _____</p> <p>This enables easy conversion to the preferred representational layout (DDMMYYYY).</p> <p>For record identification and/or the derivation of other metadata items that require accurate date of birth information, estimated dates of birth should be identified by a date accuracy indicator to prevent inappropriate use of date of birth data . The</p>

linking of client records from diverse sources, the sharing of patient data, and data analysis for research and planning all rely heavily on the accuracy and integrity of the collected data. In order to maintain data integrity and the greatest possible accuracy an indication of the accuracy of the date collected is critical. The collection of an indicator of the accuracy of the date may be essential in confirming or refuting the positive identification of a person. For this reason it is strongly recommended that the data element Date – accuracy indicator, code AAA also be recorded at the time of record creation to flag the accuracy of the data.

Comments:

Privacy issues need to be taken into account in asking persons their date of birth.

Wherever possible and wherever appropriate, date of birth should be used rather than age because the actual date of birth allows a more precise calculation of age.

When date of birth is an estimated or default value, national health and community services collections typically use 0101 or 0107 or 3006 as the estimate or default for DDMM.

It is suggested that different rules for reporting data may apply when estimating the date of birth of children aged under 2 years because of the rapid growth and development of children within this age group which means that a child's development can vary considerably over the course of a year. Thus, more specific reporting of estimated age is suggested.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:

National Health Data Committee

National Community Services Data Committee

Reference documents:

AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia

AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Date – accuracy indicator, code AAA](#) Health, Standard 04/05/2005, Community services, Standard 30/09/2005

See also [Date – estimate indicator, code N](#) Community services, Standard 27/04/2007

Supersedes [Person – date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#) Health, Superseded 04/05/2005, Community services, Superseded 25/08/2005

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care – major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v5.1\) NN](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care – length of stay \(including leave days\) \(postnatal\), total N\[NN\]](#) Health, Standard 04/07/2007

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care – length of stay \(including leave days\) \(antenatal\), total N\[NN\]](#) Health, Standard 04/07/2007

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care – diagnosis related group, code \(AR-DRG v5.1\) ANNA](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care \(postnatal\) – length of stay \(including leave days\), total N\[NN\]](#) Health, Superseded 04/07/2007

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care \(antenatal\) – length of stay \(including leave days\), total N\[NN\]](#) Health, Superseded 04/07/2007

AROC inpatient data set specification Health, Candidate 14/02/2007

Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005

Admitted patient care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Admitted patient care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Admitted patient mental health care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Admitted patient mental health care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Admitted patient mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Admitted patient palliative care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2007-08 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Admitted patient palliative care NMDS 2008-09 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health, Superseded 21/03/2006

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Cancer (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Cancer (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005

Cancer (clinical) DSS Health, Candidate 14/09/2006

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 15/02/2006

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 04/07/2007

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 04/07/2007

Children's Services NMDS Community services, Standard

18/12/2007
Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS -
1 July 2006 Community services, Standard 27/04/2007
Community mental health care 2004-2005 Health, Superseded
08/12/2004
Community mental health care NMDS 2005-2006 Health,
Superseded 07/12/2005
Community mental health care NMDS 2006-2007 Health,
Superseded 23/10/2006
Community mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health,
Superseded 05/02/2008
Community mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health,
Standard 05/02/2008
Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module
DSS Health, Standard 04/05/2005
Diabetes (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 21/09/2005
Diabetes (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 21/09/2005
Health care client identification DSS Health, Standard
04/05/2005
Health care provider identification DSS Health, Superseded
04/07/2007
Health care provider identification DSS Health, Standard
04/07/2007
Health labour force NMDS Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Juvenile Justice NMDS Community services, Standard
27/03/2007
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS
Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS
Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS
Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-
2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-
2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008
Perinatal NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Perinatal NMDS Health, Superseded 06/09/2006
Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Perinatal NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008
Residential mental health care NMDS 2005-2006 Health,
Superseded 07/12/2005
Residential mental health care NMDS 2006-2007 Health,
Superseded 23/10/2006
Residential mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health,
Superseded 05/02/2008
Residential mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health,
Standard 05/02/2008
SAAP Client Collection National Minimum Data Set
Community services, Standard 30/11/2007

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Information specific to this data set: 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.

Date patient presents

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Health service event – presentation date, DDMMYYYY
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270393
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The date on which the patient/client presents for the delivery of a service.
Data Element Concept:	Health service event – presentation date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Date
<i>Data type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Format:</i>	DDMMYYYY
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>For community health care, outreach services and services provided via telephone or telehealth, this may be the date on which the service provider presents to the patient or the telephone/telehealth session commences.</p> <p>The date of patient presentation at the Emergency department is the earliest occasion of being registered clerically or triaged.</p> <p>The date that the patient presents is not necessarily:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the listing date for care (see listing date for care), nor• the date on which care is scheduled to be provided, nor• the date on which commencement of care actually occurs (for admitted patients see admission date, for hospital non-admitted patient care and community health care see service commencement date).
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	National Institution Based Ambulatory Model Reference Group
<i>Origin:</i>	National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	<p>Supersedes Date patient presents, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (16.32 KB)</p> <p>Is used in the formation of Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – waiting time (to service delivery), total minutes NNNNN Health, Standard 01/03/2005</p> <p>Is used in the formation of Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service episode length, total minutes NNNNN Health, Standard 01/03/2005</p> <p>Is used in the formation of Non-admitted patient emergency</p>
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[department service episode – waiting time \(to hospital admission\), total hours and minutes NNNN](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Department of Veterans' Affairs patient

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Episode of care – funding eligibility indicator (Department of Veterans Affairs), code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270092
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	Whether an eligible person's charges for this hospital admission are met by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), as represented by a code.
<i>Context:</i>	Health services
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Episode of care – funding eligibility indicator

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code						
<i>Data type:</i>	Number						
<i>Format:</i>	N						
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Value	Meaning						
1	Yes						
2	No						

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	Refer to the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 for details of eligible DVA beneficiaries.
<i>Collection methods:</i>	Whether or not charges for this episode of care are met by the DVA is routinely established as part of hospital admission processes.
<i>Comments:</i>	<p>Eligible veterans and war widow/widowers can receive free treatment at any public hospital, former Repatriation Hospitals (RHs) or a Veteran Partnering (VP) contracted private hospital as a private patient in a shared ward, with the doctor of their choice. Admission to a public hospital does not require prior approval from the DVA.</p> <p>When treatment cannot be provided within a reasonable time in the public health system at a former RH or a private VP hospital, there is a system of contracted non-VP private hospitals which will provide care.</p> <p>Admission to a contracted private hospital requires prior financial authorisation from DVA. Approval may be given to attend a non-contracted private hospital when the service is not available at a public or contracted non-VP private hospital.</p> <p>In an emergency a Repatriation patient can be admitted to the nearest hospital, public or private, without reference to DVA.</p> <p>If an eligible veteran or war widow/widower chooses to be</p>

treated under Veterans' Affairs arrangements, which includes obtaining prior approval for non-VP private hospital care, DVA will meet the full cost of their treatment.

To assist in analyses of utilisation and health care funding.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Department of Veterans' Affairs patient, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.86 KB)

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Emergency department arrival mode - transport

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – transport mode (arrival), code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270000
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The mode of transport by which the person arrives at the emergency department, as represented by a code.
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – transport mode

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code										
<i>Data type:</i>	Number										
<i>Format:</i>	N										
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	1										
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8	Other										
9	Not stated/unknown										
<i>Supplementary values:</i>											

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	CODE 8 Other Includes walking, private transport, public transport, community transport, and taxi.
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Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	National reference group for non-admitted patient data development, 2001-02
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Emergency department arrival mode - transport, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (13.8 KB)
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-

2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Emergency department departure date

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Emergency department stay – physical departure date, DDMMYYYY
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	322597
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 24/03/2006
<i>Definition:</i>	The date on which a patient departs an emergency department after a stay.
<i>Context:</i>	Emergency department care.
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Emergency department stay – physical departure date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Date
<i>Data type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Format:</i>	DDMMYYYY
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the patient is subsequently admitted then record the date 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 date the patient leaves the Emergency Department.• If the patient did not wait record the date the patient leaves the Emergency Department or was first noticed as having left.• If the patient left at their own risk record the date the patient leaves the Emergency Department.• If the patient died in the Emergency Department record the date of death.• If the patient was dead on arrival then record the date of presentation at the Emergency Department.
<i>Collection methods:</i>	Collected in conjunction with emergency department stay physical departure time.

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Emergency department departure time

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Emergency department stay – physical departure time, hhmm
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	322610
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 24/03/2006
<i>Definition:</i>	The time at which a patient departs an emergency department after a stay.
<i>Context:</i>	Emergency department care.
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Emergency department stay – physical departure time

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

<i>Reference documents:</i>	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

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
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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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Emergency department episode end date

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end date, DDMMYYYY
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	322616
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 24/03/2006
<i>Definition:</i>	The date on which the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode ends.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Date
<i>Data type:</i>	Date/Time
<i>Format:</i>	DDMMYYYY
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>A non-admitted patient emergency department service episode ends when either the patient is admitted or, if the patient is not to be admitted, when the patient is recorded as ready to leave the emergency department or when they are recorded as having left at their own risk.</p> <p>For patients who subsequently undergo a formal admission an admitted patient episode of care should be recorded. The end of the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode should indicate the commencement of the admitted episode of care.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
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Relational attributes

<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
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Data set specification specific attributes

<i>Implementation start date:</i>	01/07/2008
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Emergency department episode end time

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end time, hhmm
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	322621
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 24/03/2006
<i>Definition:</i>	The time at which the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode ends.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end time

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

<i>Reference documents:</i>	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

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>A non-admitted patient emergency department service episode ends when either the patient is admitted or, if the patient is not to be admitted, when the patient is recorded as ready to leave the emergency department or when they are recorded as having left at their own risk.</p> <p>For patients who subsequently undergo a formal admission an admitted patient episode of care should be recorded. The end of the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode should indicate the commencement of the admitted episode of care.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
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Relational attributes

<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Emergency department service episode end status

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end status, code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	322641
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 24/03/2006
<i>Definition:</i>	The status of the patient at the end of the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – episode end status

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code																
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7	Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department																

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>CODE 2 Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital</p> <p>This code includes patients who departed under their own care, under police custody, under the care of a residential aged care facility or other carer. Code 2 excludes those who died in the emergency department, which should be coded to Code 6.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A non-admitted patient emergency department service episode ends when either the patient is admitted or, if the patient is not to be admitted, when the patient is recorded as ready to leave the emergency department or when they are recorded as having left at their own risk.

Collection methods: Some data systems may refer to this data element as 'Departure status'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – patient departure status, code N](#) Health, Superseded 24/03/2006

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Establishment identifier

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Establishment – organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	269973
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The identifier for the establishment in which episode or event occurred. Each separately administered health care establishment to have a unique identifier at the national level.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment – organisation identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Identifier
<i>Data type:</i>	String
<i>Format:</i>	NNX[X]NNNNN
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	9

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	Concatenation of: Australian state/territory identifier (character position 1); Sector (character position 2); Region identifier (character positions 3-4); and Organisation identifier (state/territory), (character positions 5-9).
<i>Comments:</i>	Establishment identifier should be able to distinguish between all health care establishments nationally.

Source and reference attributes

<i>Origin:</i>	National Health Data Committee
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Establishment identifier, version 4, Derived DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (16.97 KB) Is formed using Establishment – Australian state/territory identifier, code N Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Is formed using Establishment – organisation identifier (state/territory), NNNNN Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Is formed using Establishment – sector, code N Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Is formed using Establishment – region identifier, X[X] Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Admitted patient mental health care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005 Admitted patient mental health care NMDS Health, Superseded

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Community mental health establishments NMDS 2004-2005 Health, Superseded 08/12/2004
Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS Health, Standard 07/12/2005
Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS Health, Standard 07/12/2005
Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
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Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008
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Perinatal NMDS Health, Superseded 06/09/2006
Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
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Public hospital establishments NMDS Health, Superseded 21/03/2006
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Residential mental health care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006
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Residential mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Indigenous status

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Person – Indigenous status, code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	291036
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 04/05/2005 Community services, Standard 25/08/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	Whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, as represented by a code. This is in accord with the first two of three components of the Commonwealth definition.
Data Element Concept:	Person – Indigenous status

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code										
<i>Data type:</i>	Number										
<i>Format:</i>	N										
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	1										
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4	Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin										
<i>Supplementary values:</i>	9 Not stated/inadequately described										

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>This metadata item is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) standard for Indigenous status. For detailed advice on its use and application please refer to the ABS Website as indicated in the Reference documents.</p> <p>The classification for Indigenous status has a hierarchical structure comprising two levels. There are four categories at the detailed level of the classification which are grouped into two categories at the broad level. There is one supplementary category for 'not stated' responses. The classification is as follows:</p> <p>Indigenous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin.• Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin.• Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin. <p>Non-indigenous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin. <p>Not stated/ inadequately described:</p> <p>This category is not to be available as a valid answer to the questions but is intended for use:</p>
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- Primarily when importing data from other data collections that do not contain mappable data.
- Where an answer was refused.
- Where the question was not able to be asked prior to completion of assistance because the client was unable to communicate or a person who knows the client was not available.

Only in the last two situations may the tick boxes on the questionnaire be left blank.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

The standard question for Indigenous Status is as follows:

[Are you] [Is the person] [Is (name)] of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

(For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'Yes' boxes.)

No.....

Yes, Aboriginal.....

Yes, Torres Strait Islander.....

This question is recommended for self-enumerated or interview-based collections. It can also be used in circumstances where a close relative, friend, or another member of the household is answering on behalf of the subject. It is strongly recommended that this question be asked directly wherever possible.

When someone is not present, the person answering for them should be in a position to do so, i.e. this person must know well the person about whom the question is being asked and feel confident to provide accurate information about them.

This question must always be asked regardless of data collectors' perceptions based on appearance or other factors.

The Indigenous status question allows for more than one response. The procedure for coding multiple responses is as follows:

If the respondent marks 'No' and either 'Aboriginal' or 'Torres Strait Islander', then the response should be coded to either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as indicated (i.e. disregard the 'No' response).

If the respondent marks both the 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander' boxes, then their response should be coded to 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin'.

If the respondent marks all three boxes ('No', 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander'), then the response should be coded to 'Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin' (i.e. disregard the 'No' response).

This approach may be problematical in some data collections, for example when data are collected by interview or using screen based data capture systems. An additional response category

Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander...

may be included if this better suits the data collection practices

of the agency or establishment concerned.

Comments:

The following definition, commonly known as 'The Commonwealth Definition', was given in a High Court judgement in the case of Commonwealth v Tasmania (1983) 46 ALR 625.

'An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives'.

There are three components to the Commonwealth definition:

- descent;
- self-identification; and
- community acceptance.

In practice, it is not feasible to collect information on the community acceptance part of this definition in general purpose statistical and administrative collections and therefore standard questions on Indigenous status relate to descent and self-identification only.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:

National Health Data Committee
National Community Services Data Committee

Reference documents:

Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999. [Standards for Social, Labour and Demographic Variables. Cultural Diversity Variables](#), Canberra. Viewed 3 August 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person – Indigenous status, code N](#) Health, Superseded 04/05/2005, Community services, Superseded 25/08/2005

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

AROC inpatient data set specification Health, Candidate 14/02/2007
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Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

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Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 15/02/2006

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 04/07/2007

Cardiovascular disease (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 04/07/2007

Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS (July 2007) Community services, Standard 18/12/2007

Children's Services NMDS Community services, Standard 18/12/2007

Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006 Community services, Standard 27/04/2007

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Community mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Computer Assisted Telephone Interview demographic module DSS Health, Standard 04/05/2005

Diabetes (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 21/09/2005

Diabetes (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 21/09/2005

Health care client identification DSS Health, Standard 04/05/2005

Juvenile Justice NMDS Community services, Standard 27/03/2007

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SAAP Client Collection National Minimum Data Set Community services, Standard 30/11/2007
SAAP Demand for Accommodation National Minimum Data Set Community services, Standard 30/11/2007

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Length of non-admitted patient emergency department service episode

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service episode length, total minutes NNNNN
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270404
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The amount of time, measured in minutes, between when a patient presents at an emergency department for an emergency department service episode, and when the non-admitted component of the emergency department service episode has concluded.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service episode length

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Total
<i>Data type:</i>	Number
<i>Format:</i>	NNNNN
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	5
<i>Unit of measure:</i>	Minute (m)

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	National reference group for non-admitted patient data development, 2001-02
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Length of non-admitted patient emergency department service episode, version 1, Derived DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (14.53 KB) Is formed using Health service event – presentation date, DDMMYYYY Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Is formed using Health service event – presentation time, hhmm Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 24/03/2006 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS Health, Superseded 23/10/2006 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008 Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N
<i>Synonymous names:</i>	Triage category
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270078
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code												
<i>Data type:</i>	Number												
<i>Format:</i>	N												
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	1												
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Collection methods:</i>	<p>This triage classification is to be used in the emergency departments of hospitals. Patients will be triaged into one of five categories on the National Triage Scale according to the triageur's response to the question: 'This patient should wait for medical care no longer than ...?'. The triage category is allocated by an experienced registered nurse or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, record the more urgent category.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Origin:</i>	National Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Triage category, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (16.26 KB)
<i>Implementation in Data Set</i>	Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded

Specifications: 07/12/2005
Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard
07/12/2005
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS
Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
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Health, Superseded 24/03/2006
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2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2008-
2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Person identifier

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Person – person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	290046
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 04/05/2005 Community services, Standard 25/08/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	Person identifier unique within an establishment or agency.
Data Element Concept:	Person – person identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Identifier
<i>Data type:</i>	String
<i>Format:</i>	XXXXXX[X(14)]
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	20

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	Individual agencies, establishments or collection authorities may use their own alphabetic, numeric or alphanumeric coding systems. Field cannot be blank.
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Reference documents:</i>	AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia
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Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Person – person identifier (within establishment/agency), XXXXXX[X(14)] Health, Superseded 04/05/2005, Community services, Superseded 25/08/2005
<i>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</i>	AROC inpatient data set specification Health, Candidate 14/02/2007 Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005 Acute coronary syndrome (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 07/12/2005 Admitted patient care NMDS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005 Admitted patient care NMDS 2006-2007 Health, Superseded 23/10/2006 Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008 Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-2009 Health, Standard

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Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Sex

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Person – sex, code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	287316
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 04/05/2005 Community services, Standard 25/08/2005 Housing assistance, Standard 10/02/2006
<i>Definition:</i>	The biological distinction between male and female, as represented by a code.
<i>Data Element Concept:</i>	Person – sex

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code								
<i>Data type:</i>	Number								
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<i>Maximum character length:</i>	1								
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2	Female								
3	Intersex or indeterminate								
<i>Supplementary values:</i>	9 Not stated/inadequately described								

Collection and usage attributes

<i>Guide for use:</i>	Diagnosis and procedure codes should be checked against the national ICD-10-AM sex edits, unless the person is undergoing, or has undergone a sex change or has a genetic condition resulting in a conflict between sex and ICD-10-AM code. CODE 3 Intersex or indeterminate Intersex or indeterminate, refers to a person, who because of a genetic condition, was born with reproductive organs or sex chromosomes that are not exclusively male or female or whose sex has not yet been determined for whatever reason. Intersex or indeterminate, should be confirmed if reported for people aged 90 days or greater.
<i>Comments:</i>	The definition for Intersex in Guide for use is sourced from the ACT Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003.

Source and reference attributes

<i>Origin:</i>	Australian Capital Territory 2003. Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003
<i>Reference documents:</i>	Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003. See http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2003-14/20030328-4969/pdf/2003-14.pdf .

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

Operationally, sex is the distinction between male and female, as reported by a person or as determined by an interviewer. When collecting data on sex by personal interview, asking the sex of the respondent is usually unnecessary and may be inappropriate, or even offensive. It is usually a simple matter to infer the sex of the respondent through observation, or from other cues such as the relationship of the person(s) accompanying the respondent, or first name. The interviewer may ask whether persons not present at the interview are male or female.

A person's sex may change during their lifetime as a result of procedures known alternatively as sex change, gender reassignment, transsexual surgery, transgender reassignment or sexual reassignment. Throughout this process, which may be over a considerable period of time, the person's sex could be recorded as either Male or Female.

In data collections that use the ICD-10-AM classification, where sex change is the reason for admission, diagnoses should include the appropriate ICD-10-AM code(s) that clearly identify that the person is undergoing such a process. This code(s) would also be applicable after the person has completed such a process, if they have a procedure involving an organ(s) specific to their previous sex (e.g. where the patient has prostate or ovarian cancer).

CODE 3 Intersex or indeterminate

Is normally used for babies for whom sex has not been determined for whatever reason.

Should not generally be used on data collection forms completed by the respondent.

Should only be used if the person or respondent volunteers that the person is intersex or where it otherwise becomes clear during the collection process that the individual is neither male nor female.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

Is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) National Mortality Database 1997/98 AIHW 2001 National Diabetes Register, Statistical Profile, December 2000 (Diabetes Series No. 2.)

Reference documents:

Australian Bureau of Statistics

AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia

AS5017 Health Care Client Identification, 2002, Sydney: Standards Australia

In AS4846 and AS5017 alternative codes are presented. Refer to the current standard for more details.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person – sex \(housing assistance\), code N](#) Housing assistance, Superseded 10/02/2006

Supersedes [Person – sex, code N](#) Health, Superseded 04/05/2005, Community services, Superseded 31/08/2005

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care – major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v5.1\) NN](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care – diagnosis related group, code \(AR-DRG v5.1\) ANNA](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS Health, Superseded 21/03/2006

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Cancer (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

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18/12/2007

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Superseded 05/02/2008

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Diabetes (clinical) DSS Health, Standard 21/09/2005

Health care client identification DSS Health, Standard
04/05/2005

Health care provider identification DSS Health, Superseded
04/07/2007

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04/07/2007

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27/03/2007

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Health, Superseded 23/10/2006

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2007-
2008 Health, Superseded 05/02/2008

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2009 Health, Standard 05/02/2008

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Perinatal NMDS Health, Superseded 06/09/2006

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Superseded 07/12/2005

Residential mental health care NMDS 2006-2007 Health,
Superseded 23/10/2006

Residential mental health care NMDS 2007-2008 Health,
Superseded 05/02/2008

Residential mental health care NMDS 2008-2009 Health,

Standard 05/02/2008

SAAP Client Collection National Minimum Data Set
Community services, Standard 30/11/2007

SAAP Demand for Accommodation National Minimum Data
Set Community services, Standard 30/11/2007

Data set specification specific attributes

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Time patient presents

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Health service event – presentation time, hhmm
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270080
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The time at which the patient presents for the delivery of a service.
Data Element Concept:	Health service event – presentation time

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

<i>Reference documents:</i>	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

<i>Guide for use:</i>	<p>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.</p> <p>The time of patient presentation at the emergency department is the earliest occasion of being registered clerically or triaged.</p> <p>The time that the patient presents is not necessarily:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the listing time for care (see listing date for care 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 service commencement time).
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Source and reference attributes

<i>Submitting organisation:</i>	National Institution Based Ambulatory Model Reference Group
<i>Origin:</i>	National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

<i>Related metadata references:</i>	Supersedes Time patient presents, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (16.17 KB) Is used in the formation of Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – waiting time (to service delivery) ,
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[total minutes NNNNN](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Is used in the formation of [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – service episode length, total minutes NNNNN](#) Health, Standard 01/03/2005
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Data set specification specific attributes

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Type of visit to emergency department

Identifying and definitional attributes

<i>Technical name:</i>	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – type of visit to emergency department, code N
<i>METeOR identifier:</i>	270362
<i>Registration status:</i>	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
<i>Definition:</i>	The reason the patient presents to an emergency department, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode – type of visit to emergency department

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

<i>Representation class:</i>	Code												
<i>Data type:</i>	Number												
<i>Format:</i>	N												
<i>Maximum character length:</i>	1												
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Required for analysis of emergency department services.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Institution Based Ambulatory Model Reference Group
Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Type of visit to emergency department, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.64 KB)

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