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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Triage category |
| METEOR identifier: | 390392 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 29/01/2012 |
| Definition: | The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care as assessed at triage, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269549) |
| Value Domain: | [Triage category code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270677) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds) |
|   | 2 | Emergency: within 10 minutes |
|   | 3 | Urgent: within 30 minutes |
|   | 4 | Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes |
|   | 5  | Non-urgent: within 120 minutes  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Collection methods: | 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327182) or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, both triage categories can be captured, but the original category must be reported in this data element. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | National Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270078)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 22/12/2009Has been superseded by [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/471926)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/01/2012 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374220)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/01/2011***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2011 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | [National Healthcare Agreement: P23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2010](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394721)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/06/2011[National Healthcare Agreement: P35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2010](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/395017)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/06/2011[National Healthcare Agreement: PB 05-By 2012–13, 80 per cent of emergency department presentations are seen within clinically recommended triage times as recommended by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, 2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428999)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/10/2011[National Healthcare Agreement: PB 05-By 2012–13, 80 per cent of emergency department presentations are seen within clinically recommended triage times as 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