

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service commencement time, hhmm

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department time of commencement of service event
METEOR identifier:	390401
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 30/01/2012
Definition:	The time at which a non-admitted emergency department service event commences, expressed as hhmm.
Context:	Emergency Department care
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service commencement time
Value Domain:	Time hhmm

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	ISO 8601:2000 : Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>An Emergency Department service event can be commenced by a doctor, nurse, mental health practitioner or other health professional, when investigation, care and/or treatment is provided in accordance with an established clinical pathway defined by the Emergency Department. Placement of a patient in a cubicle and observations taken to monitor a patient pending a clinical decision regarding commencement of a clinical pathway, do not constitute commencement.</p> <p>The following examples illustrate the commencement of an Emergency Department service event.</p>
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Example 1

- A patient presents at the Emergency Department with mild asthma. At triage, the patient is categorised as category three and returns to the waiting area.
- The patient has a more severe asthma attack in the waiting area, is re-triaged to category two and shown to a cubicle where standard observations

are taken.

- A nurse comes to the cubicle and commences treatment based on an acknowledged clinical pathway of the Emergency Department. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**

Example 2

- A patient presents at the Emergency Department in an agitated, delusional state. At triage, the patient is categorised as category two and placed in a cubicle and the mental health practitioner notified.
- Observations are taken and nursing staff continue to observe the patient.
- The mental health practitioner arrives, assesses the patient and develops a management plan. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**

Example 3

- A patient presents at the Emergency Department with an ankle injury from football. At triage, the patient is categorised as category four and moved to the 'fast track area'.
- The physiotherapist attends, examines the patient, makes an assessment (including diagnostic imaging requirements) and determines a treatment plan. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**

Example 4

- A patient presents at the Emergency Department with a sore arm, following a fall, with limited arm movement possible.
- The patient is categorised as category three at triage and placed in a cubicle.
- A nurse provides analgesia and assesses the patient, including ordering diagnostic imaging. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**

Example 5

- A patient presents at the Emergency Department feeling vague and having been generally unwell for a day or two. The patient has a slight cough. At triage, the patient is categorised as category three.
- The patient is placed in a cubicle where standard observations are taken. Respiration is 26 bpm, BP is 90/60 and the patient is hypoxic. The patient is given oxygen, and the treating clinician attends and provides instruction regarding patient care. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**

Example 6

- A patient presents at the Emergency Department with chest pain. Triage category two is allocated. The patient is placed in a cubicle and a nurse gives oxygen and Anginine, takes blood samples and conducts an ECG. The ECG is reviewed. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**
- A doctor subsequently arrives and the patient is transferred to the catheter lab after examination.

Example 7

- The Emergency Department is notified by ambulance that a patient is being transported having severe behavioural problems.
- The patient is taken to an appropriate cubicle and restrained.
- A clinician administers sedation and requests the attendance of a mental health practitioner. At this point : **Emergency Department service event has commenced.**

Collection methods:

Collected in conjunction with emergency department service episode service commencement date.

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—service commencement time, hhmm](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

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[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/05/2020

See also [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2012

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2011-12](#)
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