

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time (to service delivery), total minutes NNNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department waiting time to service delivery
METEOR identifier:	390412
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 22/12/2011
Definition:	The time elapsed in minutes for each patient from presentation in the emergency department to the commencement of the Emergency Department service event.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time
Value Domain:	Total minutes NNNNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Calculated by subtracting date and time the patient presents from Emergency Department date and time of commencement of service event. Although triage category 1 is measured in seconds, it is recognised that the data will not be collected with this precision.
Comments:	It is recognised that at times of extreme urgency or multiple synchronous presentations, or if no medical officer is on duty in the emergency department, this service may be provided by a nurse.

Source and reference attributes

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

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—waiting time \(to service delivery\), total minutes NNNNN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

Has been superseded by [Emergency department stay—waiting time \(to commencement of clinical care\), total minutes NNNNN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 08/12/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2011-12](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Healthcare Agreement: P35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2010](#)
[Health](#), 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](#)
[Health](#), 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 recommended by the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine, 2012](#)
[Health](#), Retired 25/06/2013

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2013](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2014](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2015](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2011](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013