

# Emergency department stay—ambulance offload delay, total minutes NNNNN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Emergency department ambulance offload delay time
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Ambulance ramping time
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	417543
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 09/12/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The amount of time, measured in minutes, between when ambulance crews have waited more than 15 minutes from triage time while having a patient under their care until the time the emergency department takes the responsibility for the care of the patient.
<b>Context:</b>	Ambulance offload delay occurs when an ambulance crew and patient arrive at the emergency department and the patient is required to wait and under the care of the ambulance crew for more than 15 minutes until the emergency department has the capacity to accept or treat the patient.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Emergency department stay—ambulance offload delay</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total minutes NNNNN</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	A patient is considered to have Ambulance Offload Delay (AOD) when they are still under the care of ambulance crew 15 minutes after their arrival to the emergency department. The amount of time spent AOD is set to zero at the 15 minutes mark, consequently a patient under the care of ambulance crew and located at the emergency department for 20 minutes would be considered to have an AOD of 5 minutes.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	$([\text{StaySegmentEndTime}] - [\text{ArrivalDateTime}])$ when > than 15 or 30 minutes* and the <i>[LocationDescription]</i> field is <i>Ambulance waiting</i> .  * an ambulance offload delay time of over 15 minutes being below 15:59 seconds and over 30 minutes being below 30:59 seconds.

### Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	<a href="#">Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2016</a> <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 30/04/2020 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2016 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 28/06/2017
	<a href="#">Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2019</a> <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 30/04/2020 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2019 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 28/06/2020
	<a href="#">Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2020</a> <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 22/11/2023 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2020 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2021
	<a href="#">Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2021</a> <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 22/11/2023 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2021 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2022 <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  Required if episode of care meets the data elements criteria
	<a href="#">Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2022</a> <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 22/11/2023 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2022 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2023 <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  If applicable
	<a href="#">Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2023</a> <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 23/11/2023 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2023 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2024 <b>Conditional obligation:</b>  If applicable

**Implementation in  
Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2013, KPI??-Total time \(hours\) spent by ambulance presentations in offload delay, 2013](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2014, Percentage of patients with transfer of care completed within 15 and 30 minutes, 2014](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2014, Total time \(hours\) spent by ambulance presentations in offload delay, 2014](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2016, EFF3-4, Emergency Department, Total time \(hours\) spent by ambulance presentations in offload delay, 2016](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 28/03/2019

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2017, EFF3-4, Emergency Department - Total time \(hours\) spent by ambulance presentations in offload delay, 2017](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 28/03/2019

[Service Agreement - Department of Health Tasmania: 2018, Emergency Department - Total time \(hours\) spent by ambulance presentations in offload delay, 2018](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 24/07/2019

[Service Plan - Department of Health Tasmania: 2019, Ambulance offload delay - within 15 and 30 mins \(all specified facilities\), 2019](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/07/2019