National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012

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National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Indicator

Indicator type: Progress measure

Short name: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2012

METEOR identifier: 435863

Registration status: Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

Description: Percentage of patients who are treated within national benchmarks for waiting times for each triage category in public hospital emergency departments

Indicator set: National Healthcare Agreement (2012)
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

Outcome area: Hospital and Related Care
Health, Standard 07/07/2010
National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

Data quality statement: National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for Emergency department care, 2012 QS
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: See Australasian Triage Scale from the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine for description of each triage category, including indicative clinical descriptors.

The numerator and denominator include records with a Type of visit of *Emergency presentation*, or *Not reported* for South Australia.

Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the episode end status is either *Did not wait to be attended by a health professional*, or *Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department*, or if the waiting time to service is *invalid*.

Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.

Analysis by remoteness and SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.

Presented as a percentage.

Computation: 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)

Calculated overall and separately for each triage category.

Numerator: Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category:

- Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than or equal to 2 minutes
- Triage category 2: seen within 10 minutes
- Triage category 3: seen within 30 minutes
- Triage category 4: seen within 60 minutes
- Triage category 5: seen within 120 minutes

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N

Data Source

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

NMDS / DSS

Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator: Total presentations to public hospital emergency departments

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—type of visit to emergency department, code N

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Data Element / Data Set

Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N

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Disaggregation:

2009–10 (revised for peer group) and 2010–11—Nationally, by Triage category, by SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) deciles.

2009–10 (revised for peer group) and 2010–11—State and territory, by Triage category, by:

- peer group
- Indigenous status
- remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure)
- SEIFA IRSD quintiles

Disaggregation by peer group is limited to Peer Groups A and B, as this is the scope of the collection, and coverage varies for other hospitals by state and territory.

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Public hospital peer group

Data Source

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Data Element / Data Set

Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

Person—Indigenous status, code N

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

Person—area of usual residence, geographical location CD code, (ASGC 2009) NNNNNNN

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Comments: Most recent data available for 2012 CRC report: 2010–11.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: NN[N]

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: Accessibility

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Benchmark: 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 Australian College of Emergency Medicine

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Interim

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for emergency department care, 2011
Health, Superseded 31/10/2011

Has been superseded by National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a-Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2013
Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

See also 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

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 14-Waiting times for GPs, 2012
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2012
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2012
Health, Retired 25/06/2013

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 36-Waiting times for admission following emergency department care, 2012
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2012
Health, Retired 25/06/2013