

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Registration status:	Health , Superseded 25/06/2013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Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2012) Health , Superseded 25/06/2013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quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 35-Waiting times for Emergency department care, 2012 QS Health , Superseded 14/01/2015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:	<p>See Australasian Triage Scale from the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine for description of each triage category, including indicative clinical descriptors.</p> <p>The numerator and denominator include records with a Type of visit of <i>Emergency presentation</i>, or <i>Not reported</i> for South Australia.</p> <p>Records are excluded from both the numerator and denominator if the episode end status is either <i>Did not wait to be attended by a health professional</i>, or <i>Dead on arrival, not treated in emergency department</i>, or if the waiting time to service is <i>invalid</i>.</p> <p>Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p>
Computation:	<p>$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$</p> <p>Calculated overall and separately for each triage category.</p>
Numerator:	<p>Number of presentations to public hospital emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for each triage category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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NMDS / DSS

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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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NMDS / DSS

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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](#)

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](#)

Data Source

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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

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 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

[National Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care Database](#)

NMDS / DSS

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Comments:

Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA LSP. Most recent data available for 2012 ERCS report 2010 RSP.

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

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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