Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department waiting time to clinical care commencement
METEOR identifier:	471932
Registration status:	• [Health](), Superseded 19/11/2015 • [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](), Standard 01/11/2012 • [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](), Retired 01/07/2016 • [Tasmanian Health](), Superseded 08/12/2016
Definition:	The time elapsed in minutes for each patient from presentation in the emergency department to the commencement of the emergency department non-admitted clinical care.
Data Element Concept:	[Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care)]()

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 the date and time the patient presents to the emergency department from the date and time the emergency department non-admitted clinical care commenced. Although triage category 1 is measured in seconds, it is recognised that the data will not be collected with this precision. This data element should not be completed for patients who have an Episode end status of 'Did not wait'.
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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by [Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN](#)

- [ACT Health (retired)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/12/2016

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Emergency department care DSS 2013-2014](#)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 01/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following non-admitted patient emergency department service episode - episode end status values reported:

- 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital in the home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed—departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed—referred to another hospital for admission;
- 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Emergency department care activity based funding DSS 2012-2013](#)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 31/10/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital in the home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed—departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed—referred to another hospital for admission;
- Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#)Health, Retired 30/01/2012

Implementation start date: 01/01/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2014-15](#)Health, Superseded 04/02/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
- Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care DSS 2015-16](#)Health, Superseded 02/12/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
- Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2016-17](Health), Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
- Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2012-13](Health), Superseded 07/02/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital in the home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed— departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed— referred to another hospital for admission;
- Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2013-14](#)Health, Superseded 11/04/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital in the home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed—departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed—referred to another hospital for admission;
- Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2014-15](#)Health, Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
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- Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2015-16](#)Health, Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

Conditional obligation:

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
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Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who commenced treatment within clinically recommended time 2014 National Health Performance Authority (retired)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2016](#)Health, Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2017](#)Health, Superseded 30/01/2018

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2013, KPI??-Percentage of all emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2013](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2013, KPI??-Percentage of triage 1 emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2013](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2013, KPI??-Percentage of triage 2 emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2013](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2014, Percentage of all emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2014](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2014, Percentage of triage 1 emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2014](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded 09/12/2016

[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2014, Percentage of triage 2 emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2014](#)Tasmanian Health, Superseded 09/12/2016