

National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Emergency Access Target

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	National Emergency Access Target (NEAT)
METEOR identifier:	489630
Registration status:	Health , Standard 21/11/2013
Description:	For all patients presenting to a public hospital emergency department (including publicly funded privately operated hospitals), the percentage of presentations where the time from presentation to physical departure, i.e. the length of the emergency department stay , is ≤ 4 hours, i.e. ≤ 240 minutes.
Indicator set:	Performance Indicators for the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services Health , Standard 21/11/2013

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: Data are provided as per the Non-admitted patient emergency department care (NAPEDC) NMDS 2012-13.

The scope for calculation of the National Emergency Access Target (NEAT) is all hospitals reporting to the NAPEDC NMDS (Peer Groups A, B and other) as at August 2011 (when the National Health Reform Agreement—National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services was signed). For the duration of the agreement, hospitals that have not previously reported to the NAPEDC NMDS can come into scope, subject to agreement between the jurisdiction and the Commonwealth.

Calculation includes all presentations with a physical departure date/time in the reporting period, including records where the presentation date/time is prior to the reporting period. Invalid records are excluded from the numerator and denominator. Invalid records are records for which:

- Length of stay is less than zero
- Presentation date or time are missing
- Physical departure date or time are missing

Calculation includes presentations with any [Type of visit to emergency department](#).

Emergency department (ED) stay length is calculated by subtracting [Time patient presents](#) and [Date patient presents](#) from [Emergency department physical departure time](#) and [Emergency department physical departure date](#) respectively, as per the business rules included in the NAPEDC NMDS 2012-13:

- If the patient is subsequently admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward), then record the time the patient leaves the emergency department to go to the admitted patient facility.
 - Patients admitted to any other ward or bed within the emergency department have not physically departed the emergency department until they leave the emergency department.
 - If the patient is admitted and subsequently dies before leaving the emergency department, then record the time the body was removed from the emergency department.
- If the service episode is completed without the patient being admitted, then record the time the patient's emergency department non-admitted clinical care ended.
- If the service episode is completed and the patient is referred to another hospital for admission, then record the time the patient leaves the emergency department.
- If the patient did not wait, then record the time the patient leaves the emergency department or was first noticed as having left.
- If the patient leaves at their own risk, then record the time the patient leaves the emergency department or was first noticed as having left.
- If the patient died in the emergency department, then record the time the body was removed from the emergency department.
- If the patient was dead on arrival, then record the time the body was removed from the emergency department. If an emergency department physician certified the death of the patient outside the emergency department, then record the time the patient was certified dead.

Presentation time and date are the time and date of the first recorded contact with an emergency department staff member. The first recorded contact can be the commencement of the clerical registration or triage process, whichever happens first.

Computation: $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

Numerator: Number of emergency department presentations where ED stay length is ≤ 4 hours (i.e. ≤ 240 minutes).

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Emergency department stay—presentation date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Emergency department stay—presentation time, hhmm](#)

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[Emergency department stay—physical departure date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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Denominator:

Number of emergency department presentations

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Disaggregation:

By state/territory and hospital

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

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Comments:

Performance by states and territories will be measured against the schedule of improvement agreed in the National Health Reform Agreement—National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services Schedule C (National Emergency Access Target—Facilitation and Reward Funding), Table C5.

Information about the volume of invalid records will be included in data quality statements.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Service event
Format: N[NN]

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

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Frequency

Quarterly

Data custodian

Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services
Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare; Department of Health and Ageing

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents: Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations. National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services, Schedule C. Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations, Canberra. Viewed 15 February 2013,
http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health_reform/national-workforce-reform/national_partnership.pdf

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

See also [National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: Admission to hospital from emergency departments](#)
[Health](#), Standard 15/06/2012

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