

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Episode end status |
| Synonymous names: | Departure status |
| METEOR identifier: | 551305 |
| Registration status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 19/11/2015 |
| Definition: | The status of the patient at the end of the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

| Representation class: | Code | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Data type: | Number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Format: | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permissible values: | <table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Transferred for admitted patient care in this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Emergency department stay completed - departed without being transferred to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit in this hospital or referred to another hospital</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Emergency department stay completed - referred to another hospital for admission</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Died in emergency department</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Dead on arrival</td></tr></tbody></table> | Value | Meaning | 1 | Transferred for admitted patient care in this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit) | 2 | Emergency department stay completed - departed without being transferred to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit in this hospital or referred to another hospital | 3 | Emergency department stay completed - referred to another hospital for admission | 4 | Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional | 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 | 7 | Dead on arrival |
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Transferred for admitted patient care in this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit)

This code should only be used for patients who physically depart the emergency department because they are admitted to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit.

Patients for whom the intention is to admit to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit, but who die or otherwise leave the emergency department should not be recorded as Code 1.

This code excludes patients who died in the emergency department. Such instances should be coded to Code 6.

CODE 2 Emergency department stay completed - departed without being transferred to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit in this hospital or referred to another hospital

This code includes patients who either departed under their own care, under police custody, under the care of a residential aged care facility or under the care of another carer.

This code excludes patients who died in the emergency department. Such instances should be coded to Code 6.

CODE 6 Died in emergency department

This code should only be used for patients who die while physically located within the emergency department.

CODE 7 Dead on arrival

This code should only be used for patients who are dead on arrival and an emergency department clinician certifies the death of the patient. This includes where the clinician certifies the death outside the emergency department (e.g. in an ambulance outside the emergency department).

Exclusion: When resuscitation or any other clinical care for the patient is attempted, Code 7 should not be used.

Note: Where Code 7 is recorded for a patient, a [Type of visit to emergency department](#) Code 5 (Dead on arrival) should also be recorded.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee - Emergency Data Development Working Group

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

When recording the episode end status of a patient, Codes 6 and 7 should first be considered for use. If Codes 6 and 7 are inappropriate, select the most suitable code for the patient from Codes 1-5.

Collection methods:

Some data systems may refer to this data element as 'Departure status'.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[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

[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

[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

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19—Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2016 Health](#), Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19—Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2017 Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

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