

Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay in emergency department short stay unit, total minutes NNNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Length of stay in emergency department short stay unit
METEOR identifier:	559966
Registration status:	Health , Standard 04/09/2014
Definition:	The length of time spent by the patient in an emergency department short stay unit during an episode of admitted patient care, expressed as a number of minutes.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay in emergency department short stay unit
Value Domain:	Total minutes NNNNN

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:	To be reported for all patients admitted to emergency department short stay units in public hospitals, including publicly funded privately operated hospitals with an emergency department short stay unit.
Collection methods:	For the purposes of calculating the length of stay, begin the calculation with the physical arrival of the patient in the emergency department short stay unit. End the calculation with the physical departure of the patient from the emergency department short stay unit.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee - Emergency Data Development Working Group
Reference documents:	Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations. National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services. Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations, Canberra. Viewed 7 February 2014, http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health_reform/national-workforce-reform/national_partnership.pdf