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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Urgency category |
| METEOR identifier: | 596643 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 05/01/2018 |
| Definition: | The urgency category assigned by a health-care provider to a non-admitted patient service event request, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Non-admitted patient service request—urgency category](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/596639) |
| Value Domain: | [Non-admitted patient service request urgency category, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/596632) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Urgent (within 21 days) |
|  | 2 | Urgent (within 30 days) |
|  | 3 | Urgent (number of days not specified) |
|  | 4 | Semi-urgent (within 90 days) |
|  | 5 | Semi-urgent (number of days not specified) |
|  | 6 | Non-urgent (within 365 days) |
|  | 7 | Non-urgent (number of days not specified) |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The urgency category recorded is that assigned to the non-admitted patient service request by the healthcare provider.  CODE 1   Urgent (within 21 days)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned an ‘Urgent’ urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 21 days.  CODE 2   Urgent (within 30 days)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned an ‘Urgent’ urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 30 days.  CODE 3   Urgent (number of days not specified)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned an ‘Urgent’ urgency category with no associated timeframe within which the non-admitted patient service event should occur.  CODE 4   Semi-urgent (within 90 days)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a ‘Semi-urgent’ urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 90 days.  CODE 5   Semi-urgent (number of days not specified)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a ‘Semi-urgent’ urgency category with no associated timeframe within which the non-admitted patient service event should occur.  CODE 6   Non-urgent (within 365 days)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a ‘Non-urgent’ urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 365 days.  CODE 7   Non-urgent (number of days not specified)  Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a ‘Non-urgent’ urgency category with no associated timeframe within which the non-admitted patient service event should occur.  CODE 9   Not stated/inadequately described  Includes a non-admitted patient who has not been, or is unable to be, assigned an urgency category. |
| Collection methods: | Where health-care providers' urgency category days do not align with those specified by the urgency category, allocation to an urgency category should be based on the health-care providers usual operation and practice. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Measurement of Access Time to Elective Surgery (MATES) Working Group |
| Steward: | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/246013) |

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