

# Person—General Practitioner waiting times for urgent GP appointment, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	General Practitioner waiting time for urgent GP appointment
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	601835
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	How long a person waited between making an appointment and seeing a GP for an urgent appointment, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—General Practitioner waiting time for urgent GP appointment</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code												
<b>Data type:</b>	Number												
<b>Format:</b>	N												
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1												
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## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The term 'urgent' is left to the respondent's interpretation. Discretionary interviewer advice was for the respondent to include health issues that arose suddenly and were potentially serious; for example, fever, headache, vomiting, unexplained rash. Seeing a GP to get a medical certificate for work for a less serious illness would not be considered urgent.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Performance Authority  
**Steward:** [National Health Performance Authority](#)  
**Origin:** Australian Bureau of Statistics Patient Experience Survey

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