

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	General Practitioner waiting time for urgent GP appointment
METEOR identifier:	601835
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	How long a person waited between making an appointment and seeing a GP for an urgent appointment, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—General Practitioner waiting time for urgent GP appointment
Value Domain:	General practitioner waiting times code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Within 4 hours
	2	Longer than 4 hours but same day
	3	Next day
	4	2-5 days
	5	6 or more days

Data element attributes

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.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Performance Authority
Steward:	National Health Performance Authority
Origin:	Australian Bureau of Statistics Patient Experience Survey