

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	General Practitioner waiting time for urgent GP appointment
METEOR identifier:	601835
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 attributes

Representational attributes

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