Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Emergency department waiting time to clinical care commencement |
| METEOR identifier: | 621840 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/10/2021[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/03/2023 |
| Definition: | The time elapsed in minutes for each patient from presentation in the emergency department to the commencement of the emergency department non-admitted clinical care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/472951) |
| Value Domain: | [Total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270602) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Total |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | NNNNN |
| Maximum character length: | 5 |
| Unit of measure: | Minute (m) |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Calculated by subtracting the date and time the patient presents to the emergency department from the date and time the emergency department non-admitted clinical care commenced. Although triage category 1 is measured in seconds, it is recognised that the data will not be collected with this precision.This data element should not be completed for patients who have an Episode end status of ‘Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional’ or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'. |
| Comments: | It is recognised that at times of extreme urgency or multiple synchronous presentations, or if no medical officer is on duty in the emergency department, this service may be provided by a nurse. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | National reference group for non-admitted patient data development, 2001-02 |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/471932)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/11/2015       [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 01/11/2012       [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 08/12/2016Has been superseded by [Emergency department stay—waiting time, total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746119)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/10/2021       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/03/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Emergency department presentation related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/744138)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 13/11/2023[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/655704)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
* Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676384)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
* Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/708556)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Retired 19/11/2019***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
* Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612346)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
* Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/651856)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
* Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/679018)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
* Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699738)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/12/2019***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/713860)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/02/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is only required to be reported if the value for [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/722382) is recorded as:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2021–22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727360)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/10/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is only required to be reported if the value for [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/722382) is recorded as:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
* Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency department.

[Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663361)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 30/04/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016***Implementation end date:*** 28/06/2017[Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715211)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 30/04/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 28/06/2020[Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728230)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021[Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740984)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022***Conditional obligation:*** Required if episode of care meets the data elements criteria[Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/761125)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023***Conditional obligation:*** If applicable  |
| Implementation in Indicators: | [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.5–Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715380)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.5–Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715380)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.5–Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728367)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.5–Waiting times for emergency department care: proportion seen on time, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728367)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.6–Waiting times for emergency department care: waiting times to commencement of clinical care, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724051)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.6–Waiting times for emergency department care: waiting times to commencement of clinical care, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724051)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.6–Waiting times for emergency department care: waiting times to commencement of clinical care, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728369)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.6–Waiting times for emergency department care: waiting times to commencement of clinical care, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728369)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/10/2021[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/658491)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/06/2019[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/698898)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2020[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: Proportion seen on time, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/698898)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/03/2020[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716686)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/03/2020[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716686)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/03/2020[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/725785)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 16/09/2020[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/725785)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 16/09/2020[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740840)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 24/09/2021[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2016, ACC 1-2, Emergency Department , Percentage of triage 1 and all emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/645376)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 28/03/2019[Service Agreement - Department of Health and Human Services Tasmania: 2017 ACC 1-2 - Emergency Department - Percentage of triage 1 and all emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/675844)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 28/03/2019[Service Agreement - Department of Health Tasmania: 2018, Emergency Department - Percentage of triage 1 and all emergency department presentations seen within the recommended triage time, 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/698670)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 24/07/2019[Service Plan - Department of Health Tasmania: 2019, Emergency department percentage of triage 1 and all emergency department presentations seen within the recommended time - Triage 1 and all triage categories (all specified facilities), 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717692)       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 24/07/2019 |