Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Emergency department clinical care commencement date |
| METEOR identifier: | 621842 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016 |
| Definition: | The date on which emergency department non-admitted clinical care commences, expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Context: | Emergency department care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/474126) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Date |
| Data type: | Date/Time |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY |
| Maximum character length: | 8 |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Emergency department non-admitted clinical care can be commenced by a doctor, nurse, mental health practitioner or other health professional, when investigation, care and/or treatment is provided in accordance with an established clinical pathway defined by the emergency department. Placement of a patient in a cubicle and observations taken to monitor a patient pending a clinical decision regarding commencement of a clinical pathway, do not constitute commencement.Patients with an episode end status of 'Did not wait to be attended by a healthcare professional' or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional' should not have a clinical care commencement date, because they left before investigation, care and/or treatment was commenced by a health professional in accordance with an established clinical pathway defined by the emergency department.The following examples illustrate the commencement of emergency department non-admitted clinical care. **Example 1*** A patient presents at the emergency department with mild asthma. At triage, the patient is categorised as category three and returns to the waiting area.
* The patient has a more severe asthma attack in the waiting area, is re-triaged to category two and shown to a cubicle where standard observations are taken.
* A nurse comes to the cubicle and commences treatment based on an acknowledged clinical pathway of the emergency department. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**

**Example 2*** A patient presents at the emergency department in an agitated, delusional state. At triage, the patient is categorised as category two and placed in a cubicle and the mental health practitioner notified.
* Observations are taken and nursing staff continue to observe the patient.
* The mental health practitioner arrives, assesses the patient and develops a management plan. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**

**Example 3*** A patient presents at the emergency department with an ankle injury from football. At triage, the patient is categorised as category four and moved to the 'fast track area'.
* The physiotherapist attends, examines the patient, makes an assessment (including diagnostic imaging requirements) and determines a treatment plan. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**

**Example 4*** A patient presents at the emergency department with a sore arm, following a fall, with limited arm movement possible.
* The patient is categorised as category three at triage and placed in a cubicle.
* A nurse provides analgesia and assesses the patient, including ordering diagnostic imaging. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**

**Example 5*** A patient presents at the emergency department feeling vague and having been generally unwell for a day or two. The patient has a slight cough. At triage, the patient is categorised as category three.
* The patient is placed in a cubicle where standard observations are taken. Respiration is 26 bpm, BP is 90/60 and the patient is hypoxic. The patient is given oxygen, and the treating clinician attends and provides instruction regarding patient care. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**

**Example 6*** A patient presents at the emergency department with chest pain. Triage category two is allocated. The patient is placed in a cubicle and a nurse gives oxygen and Anginine, takes blood samples and conducts an ECG. The ECG is reviewed. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**
* A doctor subsequently arrives and the patient is transferred to the catheter lab after examination.

**Example 7*** The emergency department is notified by ambulance that a patient is being transported having severe behavioural problems.
* The patient is taken to an appropriate cubicle and restrained.
* A clinician administers sedation and requests the attendance of a mental health practitioner. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**
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| Collection methods: | Collected in conjunction with emergency department clinical care commencement time. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/474116)       [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       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 27/05/2020Has been superseded by [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/652390)       [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 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [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.

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| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator**[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion of patients whose length of emergency department stay is less than or equal to four hours, 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/658489)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/06/2019 |