Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Triage category
METEOR identifier:	646659
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 25/01/2018
Definition:	The urgency of the patient's need for medical and nursing care as assessed at **triage**, as represented by a code.
Context:	Emergency department care.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category
Value Domain:	Triage category code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds)
	2	Emergency: within 10 minutes
	3	Urgent: within 30 minutes
	4	Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes
	5	Non-urgent: within 120 minutes

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	This triage classification is to be used in the emergency departments of hospitals. Patients will be triaged into one of five categories on the Australasian Triage Scale according to the triageur's response to the question: 'This patient should wait for medical care no longer than ...?'.
	The triage category is allocated by an experienced **registered nurse** or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, both triage categories can be captured, but the original category must be reported in this data element.
	A triage category should not be assigned for patients who have a Type of visit of 'Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death of the patient'.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Australasian Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Reference documents:	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2013. Policy on the Australasian Triage Scale (P06). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. Viewed 5 August 2016, http://acem.org.au/getattachment/693998d7-94be-4ca7-a0e7-3d74cc9b733f/Policy-on-the-Australasian-Triage-Scale.aspx
	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2016. Guidelines on the implementation of the Australasian Triage Scale in Emergency Department (G24). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine Viewed 20 September 2016, http://acem.org.au/getattachment/4320524e-ad60-4e7c-a96d-bdf90cd7966c/G24-Implementation-of-the-Australasian-Triage-Scal.aspx

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N Health, Superseded 05/10/2016 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 31/10/2012 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016 Has been superseded by Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N Health, Superseded 20/10/2021 See also Emergency service stay—triage category, code N Health, Superseded 25/01/2018
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2017-18 Health, 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 for patients who have one of the following *Type of visit to emergency department* permissible values recorded: • Code 1 - Emergency presentation • Code 2 - Return visit, planned • Code 3 - Pre-arranged admission Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2017-18 Health, 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 for patients who have one of the following Type of visit values recorded: • Code 1 - Emergency presentation; • Code 2 - Return visit, planned; • Code 3 - Pre-arranged admission; • Code 4 - Patient in transit.

Implementation in Indicators:

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