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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Indicator

Indicator type: Indicator

Short name: Triage 1 and all emergency department patients seen within national benchmarks (percentage)

METEOR identifier: 717692

Registration status: Tasmanian Health, Standard 24/07/2019

Description: This indicator measures the percentage of patients that are treated within the national recommended benchmark for waiting times for triage category 1 and all triage categories in public hospital emergency departments.

Indicator set: Service Plan - Department of Health Tasmania: 2019
Tasmanian Health, Standard 20/01/2020

Outcome area: Emergency Department access
Tasmanian Health, Standard 07/12/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: The definitions applied are consistent with the national definitions used for reporting against the National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform. The definitions include presentations that have been assigned a triage category between 1 and 5. Presentations that are 'did not wait', 'dead on arrival' or the waiting time to service delivery is invalid are excluded for the purpose of calculating this indicator. See Australasian Triage Scale from the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine for a description of each triage category, including indicative clinical descriptors.

Time to treatment is calculated by subtracting the date and time the patient presented to the emergency department from the date and time treatment commenced. The time to treatment is then compared to the recommended treatment time for the allocated initial triage category.

The indicator is calculated for triage category 1 and all triage categories and presented as a percentage.

Computation: 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)

Calculated separately for triage category 1 and all triage categories.

Numerator: Total number of presentations to emergency departments that were treated within benchmarks for triage category 1:

- Triage category 1: seen within seconds, calculated as less than 2 minutes (being a waiting time of 2 or below, which allows for 2:59 seconds*).

* This is in line with the national reporting standards.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Establishment—organisation identifier, (Tasmanian) identifier NNNN

Data Element / Data Set

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

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [TriageCategoryRefId] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Episode of care—episode identifier, N[NNNNNN]

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [EmergencyIdentifier] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Emergency department stay—physical departure date, DDMMYYYY

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureDateTime] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureDateTime] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

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

Guide for use

Calculated by subtracting date and time the patient presents at the emergency department from date and time of commencement of service event. Although triage category 1 is measured in seconds, it is recognised that the data will not be collected with this precision.

Data is obtained from the [WaitDurationInMins] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, (Tasmanian) code N

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureMethodRefId] field in Health Central and excludes records with the Episode end status indicate they departed to the following:

Value	Meaning
4	4 Did not wait to be seen by a healthcare professional
7	7 Dead on arrival and not treated

Denominator: Total number of triage category 1 and all triage categories presentations to emergency departments

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Establishment—organisation identifier, (Tasmanian) identifier NNNN

Data Element / Data Set

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

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [TriageCategoryRefId] field in Health Central and includes records with the triage category 1 and all triage categories.

Data Element / Data Set

Episode of care—episode identifier, N[NNNNNN]

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [EmergencyIdentifier] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Emergency department stay—physical departure date, DDMMYYYY

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureDateTime] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureDateTime] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, (Tasmanian) code N

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureMethodRefId] field in Health Central and excludes records with the Episode end status indicate they departed to the following:

Value	Meaning
4	4 Did not wait to be seen by a healthcare professional
7	7 Dead on arrival and not treated

Disaggregation: Specified disaggregation: Hospital, triage category and reporting month based on the date of the end of the emergency department stay

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Establishment—organisation identifier, (Tasmanian) identifier NNNN

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Element / Data Set

Emergency department stay—physical departure date, DDMMYYYY

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureDateTime] field in Health Central.

Data Element / Data Set

Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm

Guide for use

Data is obtained from the [DepartureDateTime] field in Health Central.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: NN[N]

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes 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
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 24/07/2019