

# National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19—Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2021

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Progress measure
<b>Short name:</b>	PI 19–Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2021
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	725791
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 16/09/2020
<b>Description:</b>	Attendances at public hospital emergency departments that could have potentially been avoided through the provision of appropriate non-hospital services in the community.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Healthcare Agreement (2021)</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 19/11/2020
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Primary and Community Health</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>Potentially avoidable General Practitioner (GP)-type presentations are defined as presentations to public hospital emergency departments with a Type of visit of <i>Emergency presentation</i> where the patient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• was allocated a triage category of 4 (Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes) or 5 (Non-urgent: within 120 minutes) and</li><li>• did not arrive by ambulance, or police or correctional vehicle and</li><li>• was not admitted to the hospital, not referred to another hospital, or did not die.</li></ul>
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The scope for calculation of this indicator is all hospitals reporting to the Non-admitted Patient Emergency Department Care (NAPEDC) National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) 2019–20 and the NAPEDC National Best Endeavours Data Set (NBEDS) 2019–20.

Analysis by state and territory, remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of the person.

Presented as a number.

<b>Computation:</b>	Numerator only.
<b>Numerator:</b>	Number of potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments.
<b>Numerator data elements:</b>	<b>Data Element / Data Set</b>

[Emergency department stay—transport mode \(arrival\), code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Emergency department stay—transport mode \(arrival\), code N](#)

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

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[Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#)

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[Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

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**Disaggregation:**

2019–20—State and territory.

Nationally by 2016 SEIFA IRSD deciles (not reported this cycle).

State and territory, by (all not reported this cycle):

- Indigenous status
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2016)
- 2016 SEIFA IRSD quintiles
- peer group and triage category.

Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](#)

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Used to derive hospital peer group

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

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**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2019–20](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

**Data Source**

[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2019–20](#)

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

**Data Source**

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Comments:**

Most recent data available for 2021 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2019–20.

This definition of 'potentially avoidable GP-type presentation' is a refinement of the definition of a primary care patient in an emergency department, as discussed in the [Booz Allen Hamilton study of emergency department care in NSW](#).

Note that for the 2016 and previous reports the scope for the calculation of this indicator was limited to public hospitals in Peer groups A and B, using the peer group classification method as reported in [Australian hospital statistics 2010–11](#), with the addition of emergency department activity at the Mersey Community Hospital.

**Representational attributes**

**Representation class:** Count  
**Data type:** Real  
**Unit of measure:** Episode  
**Format:** NN[NNNNN]

**Indicator conceptual framework**

**Framework and dimensions:** [Accessibility](#)

**Data source attributes****Data sources:****Data Source**[National non-admitted patient emergency department care database](#)**Data custodian**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Accountability attributes**

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement  
**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Substantial work required, the measure requires significant work to be undertaken.

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2012. Australian hospital statistics 2010–11. Health Services Series No. 43. Cat. no. HSE 117. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 28 May 2020, <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/hospitals/australian-hospital-statistics-2010-11/contents/table-of-contents>

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19–Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2020](#)  
Health, Standard 13/03/2020

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 19–Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2022](#)  
Health, Standard 24/09/2021

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 12–Waiting times for GPs, 2021](#)  
Health, Standard 03/07/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21a–Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion seen on time, 2021](#)  
Health, Standard 16/09/2020

See also [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, 2021](#)  
Health, Standard 16/09/2020