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| Definition: | An emergency department provides [**triage**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745263), assessment, care and/or treatment for patients suffering from medical condition/s and/or injury.  Emergency departments provide care in facilities which meet all of the following criteria:   * purposely designed and equipped area with designated assessment, treatment and resuscitation areas * ability to provide resuscitation, stabilisation and initial management of all emergencies * availability of medical staff in the hospital 24 hours a day * designated emergency department nursing staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and a designated emergency department nursing unit manager. |

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