

Emergency service stay—triage category, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency service stay triage category
METEOR identifier:	745267
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 20/10/2021
Definition:	The urgency of a patient's need for medical and/or nursing care as assessed at triage in an emergency service , as represented by a code.
Context:	Emergency service care.
Data Element Concept:	Emergency service stay—triage category

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code												
Data type:	Number												
Format:	N												
Maximum character length:	1												
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds)</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Emergency: within 10 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Urgent: within 30 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Non-urgent: within 120 minutes</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	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
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Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: This triage classification is to be used in the emergency services 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 if [Emergency service stay—type of visit to emergency service](#), is coded 5 (i.e. Dead on arrival).

Comments: Required to provide data for analysis of emergency service processes.

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Origin: Australasian Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Reference documents: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2013a. Policy on the Australasian Triage Scale (P06). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. Viewed 17 June 2021, <https://acem.org.au/getmedia/484b39f1-7c99-427b-b46e-005b0cd6ac64/P06-Policy-on-the-ATS-Jul-13-v04.aspx>.

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2013b. Guidelines on the implementation of the Australasian Triage Scale in Emergency Department (G24). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. Viewed 17 June 2021, https://acem.org.au/getmedia/51dc74f7-9ff0-42ce-872a-0437f3db640a/G24_04_Guidelines_on_Implementation_of_ATS_Jul-16.aspx

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Emergency service stay—triage category, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Emergency service care aggregate NBEDS 2022–23Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

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Conditional obligation:

This data item is required to be reported if the value for [Emergency service stay—type of visit to emergency service, code N](#)

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- Code 2 - Return visit, planned
- Code 3 - Pre-arranged admission

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