

Emergency service stay—waiting time, total minutes NNNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Emergency service waiting time to clinical care commencement |
| METEOR identifier: | 745735 |
| Registration status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 20/10/2021 |
| Definition: | The time elapsed in minutes for each patient from presentation in the emergency service to the commencement of the emergency service non-admitted clinical care. |
| Data Element Concept: | Emergency service stay—waiting time |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Total |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | NNNNN |
| Maximum character length: | 5 |
| Unit of measure: | Minute (m) |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | <p>Calculated by subtracting the date and time the patient presents to the emergency service from the date and time the emergency service non-admitted clinical care commenced. Although triage category 1 is measured in seconds, it is recognised that the data will not be collected with this precision.</p> <p>This data element should not be completed for patients who have an Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N of 'Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional' or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional'.</p> |
| Comments: | It is recognised that at times of extreme urgency or multiple synchronous presentations, or if no medical officer is on duty in the emergency service, this service may be provided by a nurse. |

Source and reference attributes

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| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Is formed using [Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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

Is formed using [Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement time, hhmm](#)

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

Is formed using [Emergency service stay—presentation date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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

Is formed using [Emergency service stay—presentation time, hhmm](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

This data item is only required to be reported if the value for [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](#) is recorded as:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency service hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
- Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency service episode was completed;
- Code 6 - Died in emergency service.