Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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| Definition: | The date on which [**emergency service**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745039) clinical care commences, expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Context: | Emergency service care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745739) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
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| Representation class: | Date | |
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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Emergency service clinical care can be commenced by a doctor, nurse, mental health practitioner or other health professional, when investigation, care and/or treatment is provided in accordance with an established clinical pathway defined by the emergency service. Placement of a patient in a cubicle and observations taken to monitor a patient pending a clinical decision regarding commencement of a clinical pathway, do not constitute commencement.  Patients with an [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745050) of 'Did not wait to be attended by a healthcare professional' or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency service without being attended by a health care professional' should not have a clinical care commencement date, because they left before investigation, care and/or treatment was commenced by a health professional in accordance with an established clinical pathway defined by the emergency service.  The following examples illustrate the commencement of emergency service clinical care.  **Example 1**   * A patient presents at the emergency service with mild asthma. At [**triage**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745263), the patient is categorised as category three and returns to the waiting area. * The patient has a more severe asthma attack in the waiting area, is re-triaged to category two and shown to a cubicle where standard observations are taken. * A nurse comes to the cubicle and commences treatment based on an acknowledged clinical pathway of the emergency service. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.**   **Example 2**          • A patient presents at the emergency service in an agitated, delusional state. At triage, the patient is categorised as category two and placed in a cubicle and the mental health practitioner notified.            • Observations are taken and nursing staff continue to observe the patient.     * The mental health practitioner arrives, assesses the patient and develops a management plan. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.**   **Example 3**          • A patient presents at the emergency service with an ankle injury from football. At triage, the patient is categorised as category four and moved to the 'fast track area'.     * The physiotherapist attends, examines the patient, makes an assessment (including diagnostic imaging requirements) and determines a treatment plan. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.**   **Example 4**          • A patient presents at the emergency service with a sore arm, following a fall, with limited arm movement possible.            • The patient is categorised as category three at triage and placed in a cubicle.     * A nurse provides analgesia and assesses the patient, including ordering diagnostic imaging. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.**   **Example 5**          • A patient presents at the emergency service feeling vague and having been generally unwell for a day or two. The patient has a slight cough. At triage, the patient is categorised as category three.     * The patient is placed in a cubicle where standard observations are taken. Respiration is 26 bpm, blood pressure is 90/60 and the patient is hypoxic. The patient is given oxygen, and the treating clinician attends and provides instruction regarding patient care. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.**   **Example 6**          • A patient presents at the emergency service with chest pain. Triage category two is allocated. The patient is placed in a cubicle and a nurse gives oxygen and Anginine, takes blood samples and conducts an electrocardiogram (ECG). The ECG is reviewed. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.**     * A doctor subsequently arrives and the patient is transferred to the catheter lab after examination.   **Example 7**          • The emergency service is notified by ambulance that a patient is being transported having severe behavioural problems.            • The patient is taken to an appropriate cubicle and restrained.     * A clinician administers sedation and requests the attendance of a mental health practitioner. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced.** |
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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority |
| Relational attributes | |
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| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Emergency service care NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742180)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2023  ***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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745050)  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.   [Emergency service care NBEDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756157)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data item is only required to be reported if the value for [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745050)  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.   [Emergency service care NBEDS 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775634)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2024 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data item is only required to be reported if the value for [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745050)  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. |