

# Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Emergency department physical departure time
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	746084
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 20/10/2021</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The time at which a patient departs an <a href="#">emergency department</a> after a stay, expressed as hhmm.
<b>Context:</b>	Emergency department care.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Emergency department stay—physical departure time</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Time
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	hhmm
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Reference documents:</b>	Standards Australia 2019. <i>Date and time – Representations for information interchange</i> AS ISO 8061-1:2019 and 8061-2:2019, Standards Australia, NSW
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](#) should guide the selection of the value to be recorded in this field:

- If the patient is subsequently admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward), then record the date the patient leaves the emergency department to go to the admitted patient facility.
  - Patients admitted to any other ward or bed within the emergency department have not physically departed the emergency department until they leave the emergency department.
  - If the patient is admitted and subsequently dies before leaving the emergency department, then record the date the body was removed from the emergency department.
- If the service episode is completed without the patient being admitted, then record the time the patient's emergency department non-admitted clinical care ended.
- If the service episode is completed and the patient is referred to another hospital for admission, then record the time the patient leaves the emergency department.
- If the patient did not wait, then record the date the patient leaves the emergency department or was first noticed as having left.
- If the patient leaves at their own risk, then record the date the patient leaves the emergency department or was first noticed as having left.
- If the patient died in the emergency department, then record the date the body was removed from the emergency department.
- If the patient was dead on arrival, then record the time the body was removed from the emergency department. If an emergency department physician certified the death of the patient outside the emergency department, then record the time the patient was certified dead.
- If the patient was registered, advised of another health-care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health-care professional, then record the time the patient leaves the emergency department.

**Collection methods:**

Collected in conjunction with [Emergency department stay—physical departure date, DDMMYYYY](#).

**Comments:**

This data element has been developed for the purpose of State and Territory compliance with the National Healthcare Agreement and the agreed national access performance indicator.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Emergency department stay—physical departure time, hhmm](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 22/05/2020

See also [Emergency department stay—physical departure date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2023–24 Health](#), Recorded 26/09/2022

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2023–24 Health](#), Recorded 30/09/2022

*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 department stay—transport mode \(arrival\), code N](#) is recorded as:

- Code 1 - Ambulance, air ambulance or helicopter rescue service
- Code 2 - Police/correctional services vehicle
- Code 8 - Other
- Code 9 - Not stated/unknown

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