Emergency department stay—waiting time, total minutes NNNNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department waiting time to clinical care commencement
METEOR identifier:	746119
Registration status:	• Health, Standard 20/10/2021
Definition:	The time elapsed in minutes for each patient from presentation in the **emergency department** to the commencement of the emergency department non-admitted clinical care.
Data Element Concept:	Emergency department stay—waiting time

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Calculated by subtracting the date and time the patient presents to the emergency department from the date and time the emergency department 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.
	This data element should not be completed for patients who have a Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—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'.
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 department, this service may be provided by a nurse.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Emergency department stay—waiting time (to commencement of clinical care), total minutes NNNNN](#)

- [ACT Health (retired)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/12/2016

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 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 [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—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 department hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department 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 department service episode was completed;
- Code 6 - Died in emergency department.

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

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