Emergency department stay—waiting time, total minutes NNNNN

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/10/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/03/2023 |
| Definition: | The time elapsed in minutes for each patient from presentation in the [**emergency department**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745042) to the commencement of the emergency department non-admitted clinical care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Emergency department stay—waiting time](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746117) |
| Value Domain: | [Total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270602) |

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



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| 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745263) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746709) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621840)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/10/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/03/2023  Is formed using [Emergency department stay—presentation date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746093)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/10/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/03/2023  Is formed using [Emergency department stay—presentation time, hhmm](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746098)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/10/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/03/2023  Is formed using [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746613)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/10/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/03/2023  Is formed using [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746621)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/10/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/03/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Emergency department presentation related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/785727)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 13/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025 ***Conditional obligation:***  Required if episode of care meets the data elements criteria  [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742184)  [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 [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746709) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/759846)  [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 [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746709) 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 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775643)  [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 [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/746709) 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.   [Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2023](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774793)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 23/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 ***Conditional obligation:***  If applicable |