

Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of visit to emergency department
METEOR identifier:	746599
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Definition:	The reason a patient presents to an emergency department , as represented by a code.
Context:	Emergency department care.
Data Element Concept:	Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code										
Data type:	Number										
Format:	N										
Maximum character length:	1										
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Emergency presentation**

Where a patient presents to the emergency department for an actual or suspected condition which is sufficiently serious to require acute unscheduled care. This includes patients awaiting transit to another facility who receive clinical care in the emergency department, and patients for whom resuscitation is attempted.

Exclusion: Where patients are awaiting transit to another facility and do not receive clinical care in the emergency department, the patient should not be recorded.

CODE 2 Return visit, planned

Where a patient presents to the emergency department for a return visit, as a result of a previous emergency department presentation (Code 1) or return visit (Code 2). The return visit may be for planned follow-up treatment, as a consequence of test results becoming available indicating the need for further treatment, or as a result of a care plan initiated at discharge.

Exclusion: Where a visit follows general advice to return if feeling unwell, this should not be recorded as a planned visit.

CODE 3 Pre-arranged admission

Where a patient presents to the emergency department for an admission to either a non-emergency department ward or other admitted patient care unit that has been arranged prior to the patient's arrival, and the patient receives clinical care in the emergency department.

Exclusion: Where a patient presents for a pre-arranged admission and only clerical services are provided by the emergency department, the patient should not be recorded.

CODE 5 Dead on arrival

This code should only be used for patients who are dead on arrival and an emergency department clinician certifies the death of the patient. This includes where the clinician certifies the death outside the emergency department (e.g. in an ambulance outside the emergency department).

Exclusion: Where resuscitation of the patient is attempted, this should be recorded as an emergency presentation (Code 1).

Note: Where Code 5 is recorded for a patient, an [episode end status](#) Code 7 (Dead on arrival) should also be recorded.

Comments:

Code 4 is no longer a permissible value for this element. In previous versions of this element it had the value of 'Patient in transit.'

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Comments: Required for analysis of emergency department services.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#)

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

See also [Emergency service stay—type of visit to emergency service, code N](#)

- [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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