

# **Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY**

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department clinical care commencement date
METEOR identifier:	746613
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 20/10/2021 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 22/03/2023
Definition:	The date on which non-admitted patient <a href="#">emergency department</a> clinical care commences, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Context:	Emergency department care.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Emergency department non-admitted 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 department. 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.</p> <p>Patients with a <a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—episode end status</a> of 'Did not wait to be attended by a healthcare professional' or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department 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 department.</p> <p>The following examples illustrate the commencement of emergency department non-admitted clinical care.</p>
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### Example 1

- A patient presents at the emergency department with mild asthma. At [triage](#), 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 department. At this point: **emergency department clinical care has commenced.**

#### Example 2

- A patient presents at the emergency department 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 department clinical care has commenced.**

#### Example 3

- A patient presents at the emergency department 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 department clinical care has commenced.**

#### Example 4

- A patient presents at the emergency department 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 department clinical care has commenced.**

#### Example 5

- A patient presents at the emergency department 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 department clinical care has commenced.**

#### Example 6

- A patient presents at the emergency department 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 department clinical care has commenced.**

- A doctor subsequently arrives and the patient is transferred to the catheter lab after examination.

#### Example 7

- The emergency department 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 department clinical care has commenced.**

**Collection methods:** Collected in conjunction with [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm](#).

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 22/03/2023

Is used in the formation of [Emergency department stay—waiting time, total minutes NNNNN](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 22/03/2023

See also [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 22/03/2023

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Emergency department presentation related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)  
[Tasmanian Health](#), 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](#)  
[Health](#), 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](#) 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, Superseded 06/12/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2024

**Conditional obligation:**

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- 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](#)

Health, Standard 06/12/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2024

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**Conditional obligation:**

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- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
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#### [Tasmanian Emergency Department Data Set - 2023](#)

Tasmanian Health, Standard 23/11/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2023

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2024

**Conditional obligation:**

If applicable