

Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Triage category
METEOR identifier:	746627
Registration status:	Health , Standard 20/10/2021
Definition:	The urgency of a non-admitted patient's need for medical and/or nursing care in an emergency department , as assessed at triage , as represented by a code.
Context:	Emergency department care.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category
Value Domain:	Triage category code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds)
	2	Emergency: within 10 minutes
	3	Urgent: within 30 minutes
	4	Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes
	5	Non-urgent: within 120 minutes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	<p>This triage classification is to be used in the emergency departments of hospitals. Patients will be triaged into one of five categories on the Australasian Triage Scale according to the triageur's response to the question: 'This patient should wait for medical care no longer than ...?'. </p> <p>The triage category is allocated by an experienced registered nurse or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, both triage categories can be captured, but the original category must be reported in this data element.</p> <p>This data item is not required to be reported if the value for Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N is recorded as 5 Dead on arrival.</p>
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Comments: Required to provide data for analysis of emergency department processes.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2013. Policy on the Australasian Triage Scale (P06). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. Viewed 5 August 2016, <https://acem.org.au/getmedia/484b39f1-7c99-427b-b46e-005b0cd6ac64/P06-Policy-on-the-ATS-Jul-13-v04.aspx>

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2016. Guidelines on the implementation of the Australasian Triage Scale in Emergency Department (G24). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine Viewed 20 September 2016, https://acem.org.au/getmedia/51dc74f7-9ff0-42ce-872a-0437f3db640a/G24_04_Guidelines_on_Implementation_of_ATS_Jul-16.aspx

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

See also [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage date, DDMMYYYY](#)
[Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 22/03/2023

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [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 required to be reported if the value for [Emergency department stay—type of visit to emergency department, code N](#) is recorded as:

- Code 1 - Emergency presentation
- Code 2 - Return visit, planned
- Code 3 - Pre-arranged admission

[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

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2024–25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

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