Low Back Pain Clinical Care Standard: 3b-Proportion of patients with a new episode of low back pain referred for imaging for whom an appropriate indication for imaging is documented in the medical record

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
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| Short name: | 3b-Proportion of patients with a new episode of low back pain referred for imaging for whom an appropriate indication for imaging is documented in the medical record |
| METEOR identifier: | 759583 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 01/09/2022 |
| Description: | Proportion of patients with a new episode of low back pain referred for imaging for whom an appropriate indication for imaging is documented in the medical record |
| Indicator set: | [Clinical care standard indicators: Low back pain](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/755790)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 01/09/2022 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Population group age from: | 16 years of age |
| Computation description: | The numerator and denominator include patients presenting with a new episode of low back pain.  The locally approved policy that specifies the appropriate indications for imaging a patient with low back pain should be used to determine the inclusion of patients in the numerator.  Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100​ |
| Numerator: | The number of patients in the denominator where an appropriate indication for imaging was documented in their medical record. |
| Denominator: | The number of patients with a new episode of low back pain referred for imaging. |
| Representational attributes | |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Service event |
| Format: | N[NN] |
| Accountability attributes | |
| Reporting requirements: | These indicators are for local quality improvement. Monitoring the implementation of the Low Back Pain Clinical Care Standard (ACSQHC, 2022) will assist in meeting some of the requirements of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (ACSQHC, 2021). |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Not applicable |
| Accountability: | Not applicable |
| Other issues caveats: | Applicable settings: Public and private hospital emergency departments and primary care settings where care is provided to patients with low back pain (including general practice). |
| Release date: | 01/09/2022 |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care |
| Reference documents: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Low Back Pain Clinical Care Standard. Sydney: ACSQHC; 2022 |