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# Patient presentation at emergency department

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000349                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED                      Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The presentation of a patient at an emergency department occurs following the arrival of the patient at the emergency department and is the earliest occasion of being:  
- registered clerically; or  
- triaged.  
Context: Admitted patient care.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:

Guide For Use: Provided with a service by a treating medical officer or nurse. (In hospital data collection systems, the time and date of the first contact would be selected from the earliest three different recorded times.)

The act of receiving treatment in the emergency department is logically preceded by some form of triage event - either formally or informally. For instance, a patient may be so critically ill that they by-pass the formal triage process to receive resuscitative intervention. However, the act of prioritising access to care according to the level of need has still occurred.

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation:

Comments: This data element supports the provision of unit record and/or summary level data by State and Territory health authorities as part of the NMDS - Emergency department waiting times.

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## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Emergency department waiting times From 01-Jul-00 to 05-Dec-03

NMDS - Non-admitted patient emergency department care From 01-Jul-03 to

