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# Date of commencement of service event

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000356                      Version number: 2  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The day on which the delivery of a service commences. The service is defined as commencing when a health care professional first takes responsibility for the patient/client's care.  
Context: Hospital non-admitted patient care and public health care.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: DATE  
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY  
Minimum Size: 8  
Maximum Size: 8  
Data Domain: NOVAL      Valid dates  
Guide For Use: For the Emergency Department the date of triage is recorded separately. In an Emergency Department the service event commences when the medical officer (or, if no medical officer is on duty in the Emergency Department, a treating nurse) provides treatment or diagnostic service. The commencement of a service event does not include contact associated with triage.  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to admission version 1  
relates to the data element concept Patient presentation at emergency department version 1  
relates to the data element Date of triage version 1  
relates to the data element Time of triage version 1  
supersedes previous data element Date of service event version 1  
relates to the data element Date patient presents version 2  
relates to the data element Time of commencement of service event

version 2  
relates to the data element Time patient presents version 2  
relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to  
service delivery version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Institution Based Ambulatory Model Reference Group  
National Health Data Committee

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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 Emergency Department Waiting Times National  
Minimum Data Set

### *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-01 to 05-Dec-03

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