

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency department date of commencement of service event
METEOR identifier:	390398
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 30/01/2012
Definition:	The date on which a non-admitted patient emergency department service event commences, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Context:	Emergency Department care
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service 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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	An Emergency Department service event 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.
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The following examples illustrate the commencement of an Emergency Department service event.

### 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 service event 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 service event 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 service event 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 service event 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, BP 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 service event 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 ECG. The ECG is reviewed. At this point : **Emergency Department service event 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 service event has commenced.**

**Collection methods:** Collected in conjunction with emergency department service commencement time.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—service commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

Has been superseded by [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/05/2020

See also [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 30/01/2012

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2010-11](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 18/01/2011

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2011-12](#)  
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