First Surgical Service Event NBEDS

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	596329
Registration status:	Health!, Recorded 05/01/2018
DSS type:	Data Set Specification (DSS)
Scope:	The First Surgical Service Event National Best Endeavours Data Set (FSSE NBEDS) defines information about the first non-admitted patient service event for a surgical non-admitted patient service in a public hospital.

The first non-admitted patient service event is the first interaction between a patient and a surgical specialist following a request for service.

A request for service is generated by a referral to the non-admitted patient service. The source of the service request may be a health-care provider, such as a general practitioner or another specialist, or a hospital.

Each referral from a health-care provider or hospital, will have one first non-admitted patient service event associated with it.

The scope of the FSSE NBEDS includes non-admitted patient service events to non-admitted patients:

- Who have obtained a service request for a surgical specialist.
- Irrespective of location (includes on-campus and off-campus).
- Whose treatment has been funded through the hospital, regardless of the source from which the hospital derives these funds. In particular, Department of Veterans' Affairs, compensable and other patients funded through the hospital (including Medicare ineligible patients) are included.
- Regardless of setting or mode.

A surgical non-admitted patient service is a specialty unit or organisational arrangement from which a hospital provides a patient's surgical non-admitted service event following a request for service. A surgical non-admitted patient service event is inscope for this NBEDS where the non-admitted patient service type is one of the following Tier 2 Non-Admitted Services Classification codes:

- Breast (20.32)
- Cardiothoracic (20.23)
- Craniofacial (20.27)
- Ear, nose and throat (ENT) (20.18)
- General surgery (20.07)
- Gynaecology (20.38)
- Multidisciplinary burns clinic (20.48)
- Neurosurgery (20.16)
- Ophthalmology (20.17)
- Orthopaedics (20.29)
- Paediatric surgery (20.12)
- Plastic and reconstructive surgery (20.46)
- Spinal (20.31)
- Transplants (20.01)
- Urology (20.36)
- Vascular surgery (20.24)

Excluded from the scope of the FSSE NBEDS are all services covered by:

- the Admitted patient care NMDS
- the Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS, e.g. all non-admitted services provided to admitted patients or emergency department patients
- service events which deliver non-clinical care, e.g. activities such as home cleaning, meals on wheels or home maintenance.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	[Non-admitted patient service event](#)
Guide for use:	A non-admitted patient service event is an interaction between one or more health-care provider(s) with one non-admitted patient, which must contain therapeutic/clinical content and result in a dated entry in the patient's medical record.

The FSSE NBEDS uses counting rules based on those of the Non-admitted patient NBEDS for the relevant reference year, but for first non-admitted patient service events only.

Counting rules:

- All first non-admitted services that meet the criteria of a non-admitted patient service event should be counted, and be counted only once regardless of the number of health-care providers present.
- Patients can be counted as having multiple first non-admitted patient service events in one day, provided that every visit meets each of the criteria in the definition of a non-admitted patient service event.
- Patient education services can be counted as non-admitted patient service events, provided that they meet the criteria included in the definition of a non-admitted patient service event.
- Telephone and other telehealth consultations can be counted as service events if they substitute for a face to face consultation, provided that they meet all the criteria included in the definition of a non-admitted patient service event.
- Services provided to inpatients (including services provided by staff working in non-admitted services who visit admitted patients in wards, or other types of consultation and liaison services involving inpatients) are not counted as non-admitted patient service events.
- Travel by a health professional is not counted as a non-admitted patient service event.
- All non-admitted services that meet the criteria in the definition of non-admitted patient service events must be counted, irrespective of funding source (including Medicare Benefits Schedule) for the non-admitted service.
- For activity based funding purposes, diagnostic services are not counted as non-admitted patient service events; these are an integral part of the requesting clinic's non-admitted patient service event.

Collection methods:	*National reporting arrangements*

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Measurement of Access Time to Elective surgery (MATES) Working Group
Steward:	[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)
Reference documents:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, 2015. Tier 2 Non-admitted Services Definition Manual 2016-17 (version 4.1). Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Sydney. Viewed 3 January 2018. https://www.ihpa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net636/f/publications/tier_2_non-admitted_services_definitions_manual_2016-17.pdf

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also [Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2017-18](#) [Health!,](#) Superseded 25/01/2018

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	[Record—identifier, X[X(79)]](#)	Mandatory	1
2	[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](#)	Mandatory	1
3	[Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
4	[Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN](#)	Mandatory	1
5	[Non-admitted patient service request—service request issue date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
6	[Non-admitted patient service request—service request received date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
7	[Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](#)	Mandatory	1
8	[Non-admitted patient service event—non-admitted service type, code (Tier 2 v4.1) NN.NN](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

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9	[Non-admitted patient service request—service request acceptance date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Optional	1
10	[Non-admitted patient service event—service event date first offered, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
11	[Non-admitted patient service event—service date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
12	[Non-admitted patient service event—first service event indicator, yes/no code N](#)	Mandatory	1
13	[Non-admitted patient service request—urgency category code N](#)	Mandatory	1
14	[Person—sex, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
15	[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
16	[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2011) N(9)](#)	Mandatory	1
17	[Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
18	[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)	Mandatory	1