

Non-admitted patient service request—urgency category code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Urgency category
METEOR identifier:	596643
Registration status:	Health! , Recorded 05/01/2018
Definition:	The urgency category assigned by a health-care provider to a non-admitted patient service event request, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Non-admitted patient service request—urgency category
Value Domain:	Non-admitted patient service request urgency category, code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Urgent (within 21 days)
	2	Urgent (within 30 days)
	3	Urgent (number of days not specified)
	4	Semi-urgent (within 90 days)
	5	Semi-urgent (number of days not specified)
	6	Non-urgent (within 365 days)
	7	Non-urgent (number of days not specified)
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The urgency category recorded is that assigned to the non-admitted patient service request by the healthcare provider.

CODE 1 Urgent (within 21 days)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned an 'Urgent' urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 21 days.

CODE 2 Urgent (within 30 days)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned an 'Urgent' urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 30 days.

CODE 3 Urgent (number of days not specified)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned an 'Urgent' urgency category with no associated timeframe within which the non-admitted patient service event should occur.

CODE 4 Semi-urgent (within 90 days)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a 'Semi-urgent' urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 90 days.

CODE 5 Semi-urgent (number of days not specified)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a 'Semi-urgent' urgency category with no associated timeframe within which the non-admitted patient service event should occur.

CODE 6 Non-urgent (within 365 days)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a 'Non-urgent' urgency category based on the assessment that they should receive a non-admitted patient service event within 365 days.

CODE 7 Non-urgent (number of days not specified)

Includes a non-admitted patient who has been assigned a 'Non-urgent' urgency category with no associated timeframe within which the non-admitted patient service event should occur.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

Includes a non-admitted patient who has not been, or is unable to be, assigned an urgency category.

Collection methods: Where health-care providers' urgency category days do not align with those specified by the urgency category, allocation to an urgency category should be based on the health-care providers usual operation and practice.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Measurement of Access Time to Elective Surgery (MATES) Working Group

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Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [First Surgical Service Event NBEDS](#)
Specifications: [Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2018