

# Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Emergency department clinical care commencement time
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	621847
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The time at which emergency department non-admitted clinical care commences, expressed as hhmm.
<b>Context:</b>	Emergency department care.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	474122
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 27/05/2020 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 20/10/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The time at which emergency department non-admitted clinical care commences.
<b>Context:</b>	Emergency department care.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Clinical care commencement time</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Time hhmm</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270568
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 30/11/2007 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 31/10/2012 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 04/09/2015 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 27/05/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	A valid time measured as hours and minutes using a 24 hour clock.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Time
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	hhmm
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** ISO 8601:2000 : Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Emergency department non-admitted clinical care 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.

Patients with an episode end status of 'Did not wait to be attended by a healthcare professional' or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency department without being attended by a health care professional' should not have a clinical care commencement time, because they left before investigation, care and/or treatment was commenced by a health professional in accordance with an established clinical pathway defined by the emergency department.

The following examples illustrate the commencement of emergency department non-admitted clinical care.

### 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 clinical care 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 clinical care 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 clinical care 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 clinical care 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 clinical care 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 clinical care 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 clinical care has commenced.

**Collection methods:** Collected in conjunction with emergency department clinical care commencement date.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 27/05/2020

Has been superseded by [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—clinical care commencement time, hhmm Health!](#), Superseded 20/10/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/05/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2017-18 Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**Conditional obligation:**

This data item is to be recorded if the patient has one of the following Episode end status values recorded:

- Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency department hospital ward);
- Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
- Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode completed - referred to another hospital for admission;
- Code 5 - Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the non-admitted patient emergency department service episode was completed;
- Code 6 - Died in emergency department as a non-admitted patient;
- Code 7 - Dead on arrival, emergency department clinician certified the death

of the patient.

[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2017-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

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[Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[test](#), Qualified 19/09/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

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**Implementation in Indicators:**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b—Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion of patients whose length of emergency department stay is less than or equal to four hours, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b—Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion of patients whose length of emergency department stay is less than or equal to four hours, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21b—Waiting times for emergency hospital care: proportion of patients whose length of emergency department stay is less than or equal to four hours, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020