

Emergency service stay—triage category, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Emergency service stay triage category
METEOR identifier:	722006
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 20/10/2021
Definition:	The urgency of a patient's need for medical and/or nursing care as assessed at triage in an emergency service, as represented by a code.
Context:	Emergency service care.
Data Element Concept:	Emergency service stay—triage category
Value Domain:	Triage 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	Resuscitation: immediate (within seconds)
	2	Emergency: within 10 minutes
	3	Urgent: within 30 minutes
	4	Semi-urgent: within 60 minutes
	5	Non-urgent: within 120 minutes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: This triage classification is to be used in the emergency services of hospitals. Patients will be triaged into one of five categories on the Australasian Triage Scale according to the triageur's response to the question: 'This patient should wait for medical care no longer than ...?'.

The triage category is allocated by an experienced [registered nurse](#) or medical practitioner. If the triage category changes, both triage categories can be captured, but the original category must be reported in this data element.

A triage category should not be assigned for patients if [Emergency service stay—type of visit to emergency service, code N](#) is coded 5 (i.e. Dead on arrival).

Comments: Required to provide data for analysis of emergency service processes.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Origin: Australasian Triage Scale, Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Reference documents: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2013. Policy on the Australasian Triage Scale (P06). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. Viewed 11 July 2018, <https://acem.org.au/getmedia/484b39f1-7c99-427b-b46e-005b0cd6ac64/P06-Policy-on-the-ATS-Jul-13-v04.aspx>

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 2016. Guidelines on the implementation of the Australasian Triage Scale in Emergency Departments (G24). Melbourne: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. Viewed 11 July 2018, https://acem.org.au/getmedia/51dc74f7-9ff0-42ce-872a-0437f3db640a/G24_04_Guidelines_on_Implementation_of_ATS_Jul-16.aspx

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Emergency service stay—triage category, code N Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Has been superseded by [Emergency service stay—triage category, code N Health!](#), Standard 20/10/2021

See also [Non-admitted patient emergency department service episode—triage category, code N Health!](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Emergency service care NBEDS 2020-21 Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

[Emergency service care NBEDS 2021-22 Health!](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2021
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
Conditional obligation:

This data item is required to be reported if the value for [Emergency service stay—type of visit to emergency service, code N](#) is recorded as:

- Code 1 - Emergency presentation
- Code 2 - Return visit, planned
- Code 3 - Pre-arranged admission