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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Emergency service clinical care commencement time |
| METEOR identifier: | 745748 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/10/2021 |
| Definition: | The time at which [**emergency service**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745039) clinical care commences, expressed as hhmm. |
| Context: | Emergency service care. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement time](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745745)  |
| Value Domain: | [Time hhmm](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/746063) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Time |
| Data type: | Date/Time |
| Format: | hhmm |
| Maximum character length: | 4 |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Reference documents: | Standards Australia 2019. *Date and time -- Representations for information interchange*AS ISO 8061-1:2019 and 8061-2:2019, Standards Australia, NSW |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Emergency service 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 service. 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 [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745050) of 'Did not wait to be attended by a healthcare professional' or 'Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency service 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 service.The following examples illustrate the commencement of emergency service clinical care.**Example 1*** A patient presents at the emergency service with mild asthma. At [**triage**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745263), 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 service. At this point: **emergency service clinical care has commenced**.

**Example 2*** A patient presents at the emergency service 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 service clinical care has commenced**.

**Example 3*** A patient presents at the emergency service 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 service clinical care has commenced**.

**Example 4*** A patient presents at the emergency service 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 service clinical care has commenced**.

**Example 5*** A patient presents at the emergency service 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 service clinical care has commenced**.

**Example 6*** A patient presents at the emergency service 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 service clinical care has commenced**.
* A doctor subsequently arrives and the patient is transferred to the catheter lab after examination.

**Example 7*** The emergency service 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 service clinical care has commenced**.
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| Collection methods: | Collected in conjunction with [Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745741). |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Is used in the formation of [Emergency service stay—waiting time, total minutes NNNNN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745735)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/10/2021See also [Emergency service stay—clinical care commencement date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745741)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/10/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Emergency service care NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742180)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/10/2021***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023***Conditional obligation:*** This data item is only required to be reported if the value for [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/745050)  is recorded as:* Code 1 - Admitted to this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or non-emergency service hospital ward);
* Code 2 - Non-admitted patient emergency service episode completed - departed without being admitted or referred to another hospital;
* Code 3 - Non-admitted patient emergency 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 service episode was completed;
* Code 6 - Died in emergency service.

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