

# Commonly requested data items

Data item	Comments	Required	Justification
<b>Linkage variables</b>			
Facility ID	For linkage only – can be supplied upon request, see below		
UR number	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Full name	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Date of birth	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Sex	For linkage only – can be supplied upon request, see below		
Address	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
<b>ED presentation information</b>			
Facility ID	Public Reporting Emergency Departments only	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Presentation date and time	Presentation date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Presentation date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Presentation time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Triage date and time	Triage date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Triage date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Triage time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Service commencement date and time	Service commencement date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Service commencement date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Service commencement time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Episode (presentation) end date and time	Episode end date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Episode end date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Episode end time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Physical departure date and time	Physical departure date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Physical departure date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Physical departure time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Length of presentation	Length of presentation in hours/minutes can be calculated as the difference between selected time fields on request	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Triage category	Urgency of the patient's need - resuscitation/immediate, emergency, urgent, semi-urgent, non-urgent	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Arrival transport mode	The mode of transport by which the patient arrives at the ED eg. Ambulance (road/helicopter/fixed wing), police, walked in/public or private transport etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visit Type	Reason for presentation – emergency presentation, planned return visit, pre-arranged admission, dead on arrival, hospital in the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Payment class	Source of funding for the ED presentation – eg. Correctional services, DVA, medicare, workers compensation etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Patient-compensable status (derived field) – non-compensable, compensable, not stated/unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Episode end status	Patient status at the end of the ED presentation - e.g. admitted, Emergency service episode completed and discharged, transferred to another hospital, did not wait, left at own risk after treatment commenced, died in the ED, dead on arrival (no treatment provided), admitted to the ED/observation ward/ short stay unit etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Patient demographics</b>			
Age	Age at presentation grouped in 5-year intervals, capped at 85+. If other grouping required, please provide strong justification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Age at presentation (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Indigenous Status	Whether Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, not Aboriginal/TSI, not stated, not known	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Country of Birth	ABS Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) - detailed country of birth (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Country of birth major groups (e.g. Oceania and Antarctica, North-west Europe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sex	Female, male, intersex or indeterminate, not stated/inadequately described	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Clinical information</b>			
Principal diagnosis	Principal diagnosis established at the conclusion of the ED presentation, ICD-10-AM code (subset of codes only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other diagnoses	Other diagnoses/ coexisting complaint during the ED presentation, ICD codes (up to 2; subset of codes only) - available from 1 July 2015	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Geographical information</b>			
Facility HHS	Hospital and Health Service (HHS) area of hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient HHS	HHS of patient's usual residence (available from 1 July 2015)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ARIA+	Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia (available from 1 July 2015)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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SEIFA	Socio-Economic Index for Areas based on the Index of Relative Advantage and Disadvantage (available from 1 July 2015)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SA2 code	Statistical Area level 2 (SA2) of usual residence (available from 1 July 2015)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
State of residence	Australian state of usual residence (Queensland/Other unless strong justification provided)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please note that a strong justification is required for release of data items that carry a higher risk of identifying an individual.

Please note that patient addresses in ED data were not geocoded prior to 1 July 2015.

For years of data available for this data collection please refer to the [Master Linkage File coverage dates](#).