



Appendix

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Appendix: Variables obtained from the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)

Data Field	Definition and Code List
Presentation Data Fields	
Length of Stay	Length of stay of patient in Emergency Department (calculated in minutes).
Time to Treatment	Time to treatment is the difference between Arrival Time and Treatment Time in minutes, for patients who waited for treatment.
Triage Category	1 Resuscitation 2 Emergency 3 Urgent 4 Semi-urgent 5 Non-urgent; [6 Dead on arrival – excluded from current study]
Time of Arrival	Patient arrival time in hours and minutes.
Demographic Data Fields	
Five Year Age Band	0-4 5-9 10-14 15-19 [All others excluded from the current study]
Sex	1 Male 2 Female 4 Intersex
Statistical Local Area	The patient's Statistical Local Area of residence. Based on Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2009 boundaries and derived from the locality and postcode.
Hospital Campus Code	Indicates the hospital campus in which the Emergency Department presentation occurred. Coded as Metro/Rural.
Departure Data Fields	
Departure Status	Departure Before Treatment Completed: 5 Left at own risk, after treatment started 7 Died within ED 8 Dead on arrival 11 Left at own risk, without treatment 10 Left after clinical advice regarding treatment options Procedure room at this campus: 27 Cardiac catheter laboratory 28 Other operating theatre/procedure room Ward Setting at this Hospital Campus: 3 Short Stay Observation Unit 14 Medical Assessment and Planning Unit 15 Intensive Care Unit – this campus 18 Ward not elsewhere described 22 Coronary Care Unit – this campus 25 Mental Health Observation/Assessment Unit 26 Other Mental Health Bed - this Campus Transfers to another Hospital Campus: 17 Mental Health bed at another Hospital Campus 19 Another Hospital Campus 20 Another Hospital Campus - Intensive Care Unit 21 Another Hospital Campus - Coronary Care Unit Returning to usual residence: 1 Home 12 Correctional/Custodial Facility 23 Mental health residential facility 24 Residential care facility
Diagnosis Data Fields	
Human Intent	Most likely role of human intent in occurrence of injury or poisoning as assessed by clinician. 1 NON-intentional harm 2 Intentional self-harm

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Diagnosis

3 Sexual assault
4 Child neglect, maltreatment by parent, guardian
5 Maltreatment, assault by domestic partner
6 Police, legal intervention or operations of war
7 Assault not otherwise specified
8 Adverse effect or complication of medical or surgical care
9 Intent cannot be determined
10 Other specified intent
11 Intent not specified
International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision,
Australian Modification, 7th Ed. Diagnosis codes (as reported
by the practitioner) reflecting injuries, diseases, characteristics
and circumstances impacting this episode of care. One principal
diagnosis and up to 2 additional diagnoses can be reported.
