

Appendix

Triage Category

The category assigned to a patient based on initial assessment by nursing staff in the ED [24].

| Triage Category | National Code | Definition |
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| Immediate resuscitation | 1 | 'Patients in need of immediate treatment for preservation of life' |
| Very urgent | 2 | 'Seriously ill or injured patients whose lives are not in immediate danger' |
| Urgent | 3 | 'Patients with serious problems, but apparently stable condition' |
| Standard | 4 | 'Standard A&E cases without immediate danger or distress' |
| Non-urgent | 5 | 'Patients whose conditions are not true accidents or emergencies' |

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