ER DESTINATION

<u>DispER = Discharge destination from the emergency room</u>

1. CDE Variable	DestER = Discharge destination from the emergency room
2. CDE Definition	Destination on completion of stabilization/ evaluation in emergency room.
3. Recommended instrument for assessment	N/A
4. Description of measure	Categorical; unique entry.
5. Permissible values	• Discharge home • Discharge other facility • Admission to hospital – ward • Admission to hospital – intermediate/high care unit • Admission to hospital – ICU • Admission to hospital – other (e.g. observation unit) • Unknown • Death
6. Classification: Basic/Intermediate/Advanced	Identical.
7. Procedure	Record the destination of discharge from the emergency room prospectively or retrospectively from the source documents.
8. Comments/Special instructions: If the patient is admitted to hospital, please differentiate if this was to the ward/floor, intermediate/high care or ICU or other hospital facility. Some patients may be taken from the ER to the OR for emergency surgery. However relevant, this is not considered as discharge destination. Information on emergency surgery is captured in the module 'emergency therapeutic procedures'. If the patient dies in the ER, please complete the death module. Patients dead on arrival, in whom no resuscitation or therapy has been attempted, are considered dead at the scene of accident and not considered to have been admitted to the ER. Consequently, the ER destination is not relevant to this situation.	
9. Rationale/justification: The destination on discharge from the emergency room is generally related to the severity of injuries and indicates the intensity of care considered appropriate.	
10. References:	

Recommended time for assessment: Discharge from ER or study entry

MotDestER = Motivation ER discharge destination

1. CDE Variable	MotDestER = Motivation ER discharge destination
2. CDE Definition	Motivation for choice of destination upon discharge from emergency room.
3. Recommended instrument for assessment	N/A
4. Description of measure	Categorical; unique entry.
5. Permissible values	- Normal CT - Medical necessity - Social circumstances - No (ICU-) beds available - Requiring specialized facilities - Unknown - Other
6. Classification: Basic/Intermediate/Advanced	Intermediate/advanced
7. Procedure	Record the motivation of destination of discharge from the emergency room prospectively or retrospectively from the source documents.

8. Comments/Special instructions:
If the patient is admitted to hospital, please differentiate if this was to the ward/floor, intermediate/high care or ICU or other hospital facility. Some patients may be taken from the ER to the OR for emergency surgery. However relevant, this is not considered as discharge destination. Information on emergency surgery is captured in the module 'emergency therapeutic procedures'.
If the patient dies in the ER, please complete the death module.
Patients dead on arrival, in whom no resuscitation or therapy has been attempted, are considered dead at the scene of accident and not considered to have been admitted to the ER. Consequently, the ER destination is not relevant to this situation.

9. Rationale/justification:
The destination on discharge from the emergency room is generally related to the severity of injuries and indicates the intensity of care considered appropriate. The destination upon discharge from the emergency room may be influenced by other than purely medical considerations. Capturing information upon these considerations under 'motivation of ER discharge destination' is therefore relevant.

10. References:

Recommended time for assessment:
Discharge from ER or study entry