

FirstNet – Discharge – Left at Own Risk Without Treatment



This Quick Reference Guide will explain how to:

Discharge a patient from FirstNet who has left at own risk without treatment.

Definitions:

- **Left at Own Risk Without Treatment¹** – Patient departs the Emergency Department before being seen by a definitive service provider:
 - without notifying staff, or
 - despite being advised by clinical staff not to leave, or
 - without receiving advice about alternatives to treatment in the Emergency Department.
- **Left at Own Risk, After Treatment Started¹** – Patient departs the Emergency Department after being seen by a definitive service provider despite being advised by clinical staff not to leave.

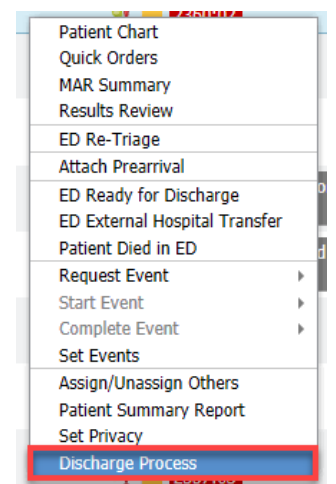
¹Specifications for revisions to the Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD) for 2023-




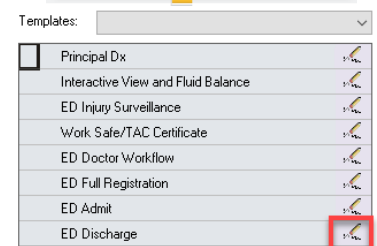
Important – When discharging a patient who *Left at Own Risk Without Treatment*, a VEMD Diagnosis is not required. (*Nurse initiated orders for pathology and radiology are considered treatment*)

Discharging a patient who Left at Own Risk Without Treatment

1. From **LaunchPoint**, right click on the patient's row.
2. From the Context Menu, select **Discharge Process**



3. From the Depart Process window, select the  icon against **ED Discharge**





- From the Discharge Encounter window, under **Discharge Information** field, select **Left At Own Risk Without Treatment**

Selecting this option will automatically pre-fill the **Disc/Referred to Location** field as **Not applicable**

- Enter the time the patient left the ED in **Discharge Date** and **Discharge Time** fields

- Click **Complete**

The patient will fall off FirstNet but will display in the **Discharge Patient Zone**



Important - Discharge Disposition of “Left at Own Risk After Treatment Started” a diagnosis is required

If a diagnosis has not been entered, you will receive the following message:

Diagnosis **R69 Symptoms without diagnosis, other** can be added if clinically appropriate

Diagnosis (Problem) being Addressed this Visit			
Ranking	Dx Type	Annotations	Annotated Display
Primary	Principal Dx		Symptoms without diagnosis, other