Date of first contact with the community nursing service

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	
Knowledgebase ID:	000039	Version number: 1
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT	
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status: SUPERSEDED Effective date: 30-JUN-98
Definition:	The date of the first contact for an episode of care, between a staff member of the community nursing service and a client or client's family, in any setting.	
Context:	Community nursing: this date has been included in order to capture the beginning of a care episode in terms of involvement of the community nursing service, irrespective of the setting in which the first activities take place. This addresses the concerns expressed by services regarding the exclusion of the many pre-admission activities undertaken by the community nursing service, especially in the hospital setting. The varying time periods between all of the events which occur throughout a care episode will become more critical as service response to specific or targeted groups becomes a performance	
	indicator.	
Relational and Representational Attributes		
Datatype:		
Representational form:	DATE	
Representation layout:	DDMMYYYY	
Minimum Size:	8	
Maximum Size:	8	
Data Domain:	NOVAL	Valid dates
Guide For Use: This date should be recorded even when it is the same as the referral or first home visit dates and applies whether a client is		

entering care for the first time or any subsequent episode.

The definition includes:

- visits made to clients in institutional settings such as liaison visits or discharge planning visits, made in a hospital or nursing home with the intent of planning for the future delivery of nursing service at home;

- telephone contacts when these are in lieu of a first home or hospital visit for the purpose of preliminary assessment for care at home; and

- visits made to the client's home prior to admission for the purpose of assessing the suitability of the home environment for the client's care. This applies irrespective of whether the client is present or not.

The definition excludes:

- first visits where the visit objective is not met, such as a first visit a nurse makes where no one is home.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Date of first contact version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Source Organisation: Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia, Steering Committee

> Comments: This data element has recommended status only, which means there is no other function for it (such as calculation of a time period), and no requirement to supply it for any Community Nursing Minimum Data Set - Australia collection. Service agencies who wish to monitor all resource utilisation associated with an episode of care, may wish to include this pre-admission date and the corresponding post discharge data element 'Date of last contact with client/family' within their agency information system. Further developments in the casemix area may also mean community nursing services will need more detailed description of resource allocation across all of the contexts in which they provide service.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIMRequest for / entry into service eventData Agreements which include this Data Element