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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Average available beds for hospital-in-the-home patients
METEOR identifier:	373955
Registration status:	Health, Standard 24/03/2009
Definition:	The number of beds used to care for hospital admitted patients in their place of residence as a substitute for hospital accommodation, calculated by dividing the number of days of **hospital-in-the-home care** reported for the period by the number of days in the period. Place of residence may be permanent or temporary.
Data Element Concept:	Occupied bed—hospital in the home care
Value Domain:	Average number of beds N[NNN.N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Average
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNN.N]
Maximum character length:	5
Unit of measure:	Bed

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Average available beds, rounded to the nearest decimal or whole number.

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Guide for use:	Calculated by dividing the total hospital-in-the-home patient days by the number of days in the period, e.g. in a normal year, a hospital records 4000 hospital-in-the-home patient days – the average hospital-in-the-home beds would be 4000/365 = 11.0.
Collection methods:	Beds exclusively or predominantly for overnight-stay admitted care, beds exclusively or predominantly for same-day admitted care, and non-special-care neonatal cots are collected and reported in separate categories. Hospitals should establish clear recording and reporting practices. Criteria should exist to ensure that each available bed is counted and that no available bed is counted more than once. A bed should first be assessed as available and then categorised according to its predominant use. For large hospitals a reconciliation of the sum of the counts for the four available bed types and an unduplicated establishment bed count is advisable.
Comments:	This data element is necessary to provide an indicator of the availability and type of service for an establishment.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Victorian Department of Human Services