

# Hospital patient

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Object Class

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**Definition:** A patient is a person for whom a hospital accepts responsibility for treatment and/or care. There are two categories of patient, admitted and non-admitted patients. Boarders are not patients.

**Context:** Admitted patient care and public hospital establishments.

**Specialisation of:** [Person/group of persons](#)

## Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** While the concept of a person for whom a service provider accepts responsibility for treatment or care is also applicable to non-admitted patient and public hospital establishments care and to welfare services, different terminology is often used in these other care settings e.g. client, resident.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee