

# Hospital patient

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Object Class
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	268958
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	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.
<b>Context:</b>	Admitted patient care and public hospital establishments.
<b>Specialisation of:</b>	<a href="#">Person/group of persons</a>

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	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.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	National Health Data Committee
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