

Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (excluding leave days), total N[NN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Length of stay
METEOR identifier:	269982
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 01/03/2005• National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016• Tasmanian Health, Standard 05/09/2016
Definition:	The length of stay of a patient, excluding leave days, measured in days.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (excluding leave days)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NN]
Maximum character length:	3
Unit of measure:	Day

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes


Guide for use:	Formula: LOS = Separation date - Admission date - Total leave days The calculation is inclusive of admission and separation dates.
Comments:	Perinatal length of stay metadata items include leave days and so are not included in this metadata item.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	National Health Data Committee
----------------	--------------------------------

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Length of stay, version 3, Derived DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.1 KB) *No registration status*

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—number of leave days, total N\[NN\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/09/2016

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—number of leave periods, total N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 27/04/2021

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—separation date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care separation \(discharge\) related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2016 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2017 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2018 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 12/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2020 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 10/07/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[3.9 Average length of stay for hip fracture patients aged 65 years and over, major and large public hospitals, 2012–13 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016

[National Health Performance Authority: Hospital Performance: Average length of stay \(ALOS\) for multi-day stay patients in Australian public hospitals, 2013-2015 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016