

# Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (special/neonatal intensive care), total days N[NN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Number of days in special/neonatal intensive care
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270057
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of days spent by a neonate in a special care or neonatal intensive care nursery (in the hospital of birth).
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (special/neonatal intensive care)</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total days N[NN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes


<b>Guide for use:</b>	The number of days is calculated from the date the baby left the special/neonatal <a href="#">intensive care unit</a> minus the date the baby was admitted to the special/neonatal intensive care unit.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	This item is to be completed if baby has been treated in an intensive care unit or a special care nursery (SCN).
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>An indicator of the requirements for hospital care of high-risk babies in specialised nurseries that add to costs because of extra staffing and facilities.</p> <p>SCN are staffed and equipped to provide a full range of neonatal services for the majority of complicated neonatal problems, including short-term assisted ventilation and intravenous therapy.</p> <p>Neonatal intensive care nurseries (NICN) are staffed and equipped to treat critically ill newborn babies including those requiring prolonged assisted respiratory support, intravenous therapy, and alimentation and treatment of serious infections. Full supportive services are readily available throughout the hospital. These NICN also provide consultative services to other hospitals.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

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