

# Episode of admitted patient care—number of leave periods, total N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Number of leave periods
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270058
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 27/04/2021</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	Number of leave periods in a hospital stay (excluding one-day leave periods for admitted patients).
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of admitted patient care—number of leave periods</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Period

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** If the period of leave is greater than seven days or the patient fails to return from leave, the patient is discharged.

**Comments:** Recording of leave periods allows for the calculation of patient days excluding leave. This is important for analysis of costs per patient and for planning. The maximum limit allowed for leave affects admission and [separation](#) rates, particularly for long-stay patients who may have several leave periods.


This data element was modified in July 1996 to exclude the previous differentiation between the psychiatric and other patients at the instigation of the National Mental Health Strategy Committee.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Number of leave periods, version 3, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.5 KB) *No registration status*

Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay \(excluding leave days\), total N\[NN\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 05/09/2016

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care separation \(discharge\) related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021