

Patient—number of psychiatric outpatient clinic/day program attendances (financial year), total days N[NN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of contacts—psychiatric outpatient clinic/day program
METEOR identifier:	270121
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	Number of days that a patient attended a psychiatric outpatient clinic or a day program during the relevant financial year.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—number of psychiatric outpatient clinic/day program attendances

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

Collection methods: All States and Territories where there are public psychiatric hospitals also collect date of contact, and number of contacts during the financial year can be derived from this. (Collection status for New South Wales is unknown at time of writing.)

Comments: This metadata item gives a measure of the level of service provided.


In December 1998, the National Health Information Management Group decided that the new version of this metadata item (named Person—number of service contact dates, total N[NN]) would be implemented from 1 July 2000 in the Community Mental Health National Minimum Data Set (NMDS). Until then agencies involved in the Community mental health NMDS may report either Patient—number of psychiatric outpatient clinic/day program attendances (financial year), total days N[NN] or Person—number of service contact dates, total N[NN] with the expectation that agencies will make their best efforts to report against the new version of this metadata item (Person—number of service contact dates, total N[NN]) from 1 July 1999.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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