

Community nursing service episode—last contact date, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of last contact
METEOR identifier:	270191
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	Date of the last contact between a staff member of the community service and a person in any setting.
Data Element Concept:	Community nursing service episode—last contact date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This could be the same as the date of discharge. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• visits made to persons in institutional settings for the purpose of handing over or otherwise completing a care episode;• bereavement visits in any setting;• visits made to the person's home to complete the service, including the collection of equipment. Excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• visits made by liaison/discharge planning staff of a community service for the purpose of assessment of need related to a subsequent episode of care.
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Comments: If service agencies are committed to monitoring all resource utilisation associated with an episode of care, this post-discharge date and the corresponding pre-admission metadata item Date of first contact, have a place within an agency information system. This is particularly true for those agencies providing discharge planning service or specialist consultancy or assessment services.

To enable analysis of time periods throughout a care episode, especially the bereavement period. This date has been included in order to capture the end of a care episode in terms of involvement of the community nursing service.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Date of last contact, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB) *No registration status*