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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Group sessions—allied health services
Synonymous names:	Type of non-admitted patient care - allied health services group sessions
METEOR identifier:	270480
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The total number of occasions of examination, consultation, treatment or other services provided as group sessions to non-admitted patients in allied health services functional units or clinics of an establishment.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—number of group session occasions of service for non-admitted patients
Value Domain:	Total group sessions N[NNNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNNN]
Maximum character length:	6
Unit of measure:	Group session

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Allied health services include units primarily concerned with physiotherapy, family planning, dietary advice, optometry, occupational therapy, and so on.

Each group is to be counted once, irrespective of size or the number of staff providing services.

A patient who first contacts the hospital and receives non-admitted care, for example through emergency departments, and is subsequently admitted, should have both components of care enumerated separately. Where possible, non-admitted occasions of service that are provided to patients who are subsequently admitted should be identified as a subset of the total occasions of service.

Collection methods:

At present, occasions of service to groups are counted in an inconsistent manner. The numbers of occasions of service should be collected for both individual and group sessions for public psychiatric hospitals and alcohol and drug hospitals.

Comments:

Outreach/community care is care delivered by hospital employees to the patient in the home, place of work or other non-hospital site. The distinction between non-admitted patient care and outreach care is that for non-admitted patient care the patients travel to the health care providers while for outreach care the health care providers travel to the patients. This distinction creates difficulties for community health centres. These centres are to be included in the national minimum data set where they are funded as sections within establishments that fall within the scope of the National Health Data Dictionary.

For example, baby clinics, immunisation groups or aged care assessment teams, which are funded through acute hospitals, may provide care to some clients within the hospital grounds or externally. It is intended that all community health activity be measured under community health regardless of where the services are provided.

This metadata item is derived from metadata items that are not currently specified in METeOR, but which are recorded in various ways by hospitals/outpatient departments. Examples include identifiers of individual consultations/visits, and diagnostic tests.

This metadata item identifies types of services provided to non-admitted patients in different institutional ways in different systems. It is not a summary casemix classification.

The list of Type of non-admitted patient care categories was to be developed using typical functional units or cost centres within existing institutions. These would include designated wards or departments and specialised clinics. Although the current statistical/financial returns submitted to the various health authorities by their hospitals do not provide a minimum subset, an effort has been made to define the categories in respect to those areas commonly collected. Many functional units provide services to both admitted patients and non-admitted patients, for example pathology. Only occasions of service for non-admitted patients should be included in this section.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Relational attributes

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