

Establishment—number of group session occasions of service for non-admitted patients (mental health), total N[NNNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Group sessions—mental health
Synonymous names:	Type of non-admitted patient care - mental health group sessions
METEOR identifier:	270490
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 designated psychiatric or mental health units of an establishment.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Establishment—number of group session occasions of service for non-admitted patients
METEOR identifier:	269674
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The number of non-admitted group session occasions of service provided by an establishment.
Context:	Required to adequately describe the services provided to non-admitted patients. The resources required to provide services to groups of patients are different from those required to provide services to an equivalent number of individuals. Hence services to groups of non-admitted patients or outreach clients should be counted separately from services to individuals.
Object class:	Establishment
Property:	Number of group session occasions of service for non-admitted patients.

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total group sessions N[NNNNN]
METEOR identifier:	270874
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 01/11/2012
Definition:	Total number of group sessions.

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: 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: 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

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Type of non-admitted patient care, version 1, Derived DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (26.0 KB)
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Implementation in Indicators:

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[National Healthcare Agreement: P46-Rates of services: Outpatient occasions of service, 2010](#)

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Used as Disaggregation

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