# Date of birth

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## Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000036 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 30-JUN-94

Definition: The date of birth of the patient.

Context: Required to derive age of patient for analysis of utilisation by age at

admission or separation (as required).

## Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational DATE

form:

Representation DDMMYY

layout:

Minimum Size: 6 Maximum Size: 6

Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates

Guide For Use: If date of birth is not known, provision should be made to collect

age (in years) and a date of birth derived.

Verification Rules: For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to

Commonwealth agencies this field must:

- be <= Admission date, otherwise resulting in a fatal error

- not be null

- be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to

be grouped, otherwise resulting in a fatal error.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Date of birth version 2

is used in the derivation of Diagnosis related group version 1

### Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation:

Comments: This data item formed part of the National Committee on Health and Vital Statistics (1979) recommended level-one minimum data set and was also recommended by the Taskforce on National Hospital Statistics (1988). The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council Health Targets and Implementation Committee (1988) recommended that it be included in all national health statistics.

### Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Demographic characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care

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