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# Admission date

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000008                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 30-JUN-93  
Definition: Date on which:  
  
- patient was formally admitted to hospital;  
  
- statistical admission occurred following leave of absence exceeding seven days for in-patients of acute hospitals and private psychiatric hospitals and ten days for in-patients of public psychiatric hospitals; or  
  
- statistical admission occurred following status transfer (see data element Discharge date).  
Context: Institutional health care: required to identify the period in which the admitted patient episode and hospital stay occurred and for derivation of length of stay.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: DATE  
Representation layout: DDMMYY  
Minimum Size: 6  
Maximum Size: 6  
Data Domain: NOVAL              Valid dates  
Related metadata: is used in the calculation of Length of stay version 1  
relates to the data element concept Admission version 1  
has been superseded by Admission date version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

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Comments: Included in the National Committee on Health and Vital Statistics (1979) level-one data set. This item, in conjunction with discharge data, can be used to derive length of stay according to whatever definition is desired. It could also potentially be used to assess the time lag between approval for admission being granted for a nursing home and admission to a home (if approval date is collected).

For discussion of status change on admission and statistical admission, refer to data elements 'Type of episode of care', 'Level of care', 'Total leave days', 'Number of leave periods' and 'Number of leave periods exceeding 10 days'.

## *Data Element Links*

### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-89 to 30-Jun-93

NMDS - Admitted patient palliative care From 01-Jul-00 to

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