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# Discharge date

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	Version number:	2
Knowledgebase ID:	000043		
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	30-JUN-96
Definition:	Date on which a same-day patient or an in-patient completes an episode of care by one of the following processes:  Formal separation is the administrative process by which a hospital records the completion of treatment and/or care and accommodation of a patient (discharge, transfer, death).  Statistical separation is the administrative process by which a hospital (excluding nursing homes) records the completion of treatment and/or care and accommodation following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- leave of absence (any type, including leave for special care and unauthorised leave) which exceeds seven consecutive days for in-patients of acute hospitals and private psychiatric hospitals and ten consecutive days for in-patients of public psychiatric hospitals (or as specified in legislation); or</li><li>- transfer to another in-patient institution, if the patient does not return to the original institution within seven consecutive days (acute hospitals and private psychiatric hospitals) or ten consecutive days (public psychiatric hospitals); or</li><li>- type change or transfer between episodes of care (see data elements Type of episode of care and Admission date) within the one hospital stay in either an acute hospitals or a private psychiatric hospital.</li></ul>		
Context:	Institutional health care: required to identify the period in which an admitted patient hospital stay or episode occurred and for derivation of length of stay.		

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

