Discharge date

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000043 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: 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:

- leave of absence (any type, including leave for special care and unauthorised leave) which exceeds seven consecutive days for inpatients of acute hospitals and private psychiatric hospitals and ten consecutive days for in-patients of public psychiatric hospitals (or as specified in legislation); or
- 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
- 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.

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.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational DATE

form:

Representation DDMMYYYY

layout:

Minimum Size: 8 Maximum Size: 8

Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates

Related metadata: is used in the calculation of Length of stay version 1

supersedes previous data element Discharge date version 1

has been superseded by Discharge date version 3

is used in the derivation of Diagnosis related group version 1

is used in the derivation of Separations version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: This item was modified to clarify the distinction between statistical

separation occurring due to leave from those due to type change.

See the definition of Separation developed by the Patient

Abstracting and Coding Project, Casemix Branch, Commonwealth

Department of Health, Housing and Community Services.

For discussion of episodes of care, type change and statistical separation, refer to data elements Type of episode of care,

Admission date, Total leave days, Number of leave periods and Number of leave periods exceeding 10 days'. It is important to note the decision of the Nursing Homes Working Party not to record leave periods at the patient level, hence the exclusion of nursing homes from recording statistical separations (from leave or type

change).

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care

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