Total leave days

Important note: This is an archived metadata standard from the AIHW Knowledgebase. For current metadata standards and related information please access METeOR, the AIHW's Metadata Online Registry at http://meteor.aihw.gov.au

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000163 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 30-JUN-96

Definition: Sum of length of leave (date returned from leave minus date went on

leave) for all leave periods* within the episode).

Acute hospitals and private psychiatric hospitals

- total leave days

Public psychiatric hospitals

- total leave days in the episode

- number of leave periods

- number of leave periods of length of stay greater than ten days

from which patient returned

Context: Institutional health care: recording of leave periods allows for the

calculation of patient days excluding leave. This is important for analysis of costs per patient and for planning. The maximum limit allowed for leave affects admission and separation rates, particularly

for long-stay patients who may have several leave periods.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational QUANTITATIVE VALUE

form:

Representation NNN

layout:

Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 3

Guide For Use: A day is measured from midnight to midnight.

The following rules apply in the calculation of leave days for both

overnight and same day patients:

- The day the patient goes on leave is counted as a leave day.
- The day the patient is on leave is counted as a leave day.
- The day the patient returns from leave is counted as a bed day.
- If the patient is admitted and goes on leave on the same day, this is counted as a bed day, not a leave day.
- If the patient returns from leave and then goes on leave again on the same day, this is counted as a leave day.
- If the patient returns from leave and is separated on the same day, the day should not be counted as either a bed day or a leave day.

Related metadata: is used in the derivation of Length of stay version 1 has been superseded by Total leave days version 3 supersedes previous data element Total leave days version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: It should be noted that for private patients in public and private hospitals, s.3 (12) of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cwlth) currently applies a different leave day count, Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health HBF Circular 354 (31 March 1994). This will be the case until the legislation is amended.

> This definition will be updated during 1995 by members of the working party to reflect current leave practices within each health authority. Further review is required to address the question of the maximum leave allowed by psychiatric and acute hospitals. The working party will need to consult with the National Mental Health Information Strategy Committee who will review this definition during 1995.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element