
Total leave days

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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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 form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout: NNN
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:

