Legal status on admission

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000080 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 30-JUN-96

Definition: Legal status of the person at admission under relevant Acts of

Parliament.

Context: Mental health care: to assist in analyses of utilisation and patient

flows

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Involuntary - patients (excluding forensic patients)

scheduled or under treatment order under the

relevant Health Act.

2 Forensic - patients who are detained for treatment

under the relevant Mental Health Act and who are charged with or convicted of some form of criminal activity. This includes court orders, remanded

activity. This includes court orders, remanded prisoners, sentenced prisoners and Governor?s

pleasure.

3 Other - informal or voluntary patients.

Guide For Use: Types of patients included in forensic and involuntary categories

will vary with State legislation. This lack of uniformity is

unavoidable but should be noted.

Collection Methods: Victoria collects the following categories:

- voluntary

voluntary assistance

- voluntary treatment
- compulsory assistance
- compulsory transfer
- compulsory court order
- security
- Governor's pleasure
- involuntary
- informal prisoner
- informal

Queensland collects the following categories:

- informal
- regulated
- forensic

South Australia collects the following categories:

- voluntary
- custody (quard)
- forensic
- treatment order
- other

The working party discussed the classification/coding categories for this item. Members agreed on the following three categories:

- voluntary (scheduled treatment order)
- forensic (as a result of a court order or sentenced prisoners transferred for treatment)
- other.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Mental health legal status version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Comments: In general, the Psychiatric Working Party felt that this item was worth collecting, particularly in terms of entry pathways and voluntary/involuntary admissions. This item is currently collected on admission forms in all States except New South Wales; New South Wales only collects it as part of the annual census, which is sufficient for comparability, but not for specific ICD-9 categories.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

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