Overdue patient

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000085   Version number: 3

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: An overdue patient is one whose wait has exceeded the time that has been determined as clinically desirable in relation to the urgency category to which they have been assigned.

Context: Elective surgery:
The numbers and proportions of overdue patients represent a measure of the hospital's performance in provision of elective hospital care.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain:
1   Overdue patient
2   Other

Guide For Use: This data element is only required for patients in clinical urgency categories with specified maximum desirable waiting times. Overdue patients are those for whom the hospital system has failed to provide timely care and whose wait may have an adverse effect on the outcome of their care. They are identified by a comparison of Waiting time at admission or Waiting time at a census date and the maximum desirable time limit for the Clinical urgency classification.

A patient is classified as overdue if ready for care and Waiting time at admission or Waiting time at a census date is longer than

30 days for patients in Clinical urgency category 1 or 90 days for patients in Clinical urgency category 2.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Overdue patient version 2
is qualified by Clinical urgency version 2
is derived from Waiting time at admission version 1
is derived from Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list version 2
is derived from Waiting time at a census date version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: This data item is not used for patients in Clinical urgency category 3 as there is no specified timeframe within which it is desirable that they are admitted.

The data element Extended wait patient identifies patients in Clinical urgency category 3 who have waited longer than one year at admission or at the time of a census.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Performance indicator

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Elective surgery waiting times   From 01-Jul-97 to