Overdue patient

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000085   Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

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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 he/she has 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: Overdue patients are those for whom the hospital system has failed to provide timely care. These are the patients whose wait may have an adverse effect on the outcome of their care. The difference between total ready for care time waited and the maximum desirable time limit for the clinical urgency classification will be used in defining overdue patients. This classification is in data element Patient listing status. A problem may arise when a patient is clinically reviewed while on the waiting list and, as a result, assigned to a different clinical urgency classification. In this situation, a patient is an overdue patient when:
- [census date minus urgency reassignment date minus not ready

for care days] > maximum desirable time limit for the urgency category assigned on the urgency reassignment date (census data); or

\- [admission date minus urgency reassignment date minus not ready for care days] > maximum desirable time limit for the urgency category assigned on urgency reassignment date (throughput data).

Related metadata: is qualified by Patient listing status version 2
supersedes previous data element Long wait patient version 1
has been superseded by Overdue patient version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee/Waiting Times Working Group

Comments: This data element should be reviewed when the clinical urgency categories are revised.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Performance indicator

Data Agreements which include this Data Element