Separation date

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000043	Version number:	5
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-MAR-05

Definition: Date on which an admitted patient completes an episode of care.

Context: Required to identify the period in which an admitted patient hospital stay or episode occurred and for derivation of length of stay.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: DATE

Representation layout: DDMMYYYY

Minimum Size: 8

Maximum Size: 8

Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates

Verification Rules: For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies this field must:
- be <= last day of financial year
- be >= first day of financial year
- be >= Admission date

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Discharge date version 4
is used in the calculation of Length of stay (including leave days) version 1
is used in the calculation of Length of stay (postnatal) version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: There may be variations amongst jurisdictions with respect to the recording of separation date. This most often occurs for patients who are statistically separated after a period of leave (and who do not return for further hospital care). In this case, some jurisdictions may record the separation date as the date of statistical separation (and record intervening days as leave days) while other jurisdictions may retrospectively separate patients on the first day of leave. Despite the variations in recording of separation date for this group of patients, the current practices provide for the accurate recording of length of stay.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM	Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care	From 01-Jul-99 to
NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care	From 01-Jul-99 to
NMDS - Perinatal	From 01-Jul-99 to
NMDS - Admitted patient palliative care	From 01-Jul-99 to
Draft DSS - CNMDSA for Community Nursing	From 01-Jul-00 to
DSS - Acute coronary syndrome (clinical)	From 04-Jun-04 to