Length of stay (including leave days)

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000636   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: The length of stay of a patient measured in days.
A same-day patient should be allocated a length of stay of one day.
Total contracted days are included in the length of stay.
All leave days are included in length of stay calculation.

Context: All admitted patient care situations where it is required to know the total length of a stay in hospital.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE

Representation layout: NNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL   Calculated number of days

Guide For Use: Formula:
LOS (incl. leave days) = Separation date - Admission date

The calculation is inclusive of admission and separation dates.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Perinatal period version 1
is calculated using Separation date version 5
is calculated using Admission date version 4
relates to the data element Length of stay (antenatal) version 1
relates to the data element Length of stay (postnatal) version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Performance indicator

Data Agreements which include this Data Element