# Length of stay (postnatal)

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### Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

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Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The length of stay of a patient measured in days calculated from the

Date of birth of baby to Separation date of mother.

Total contracted days are included in the length of stay.

Leave days are included.

Context: Perinatal.

#### Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational QUANTITATIVE VALUE

form:

Representation NNN

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL Calculated number of days

Guide For Use: Formula for the mother:

LOS (post-natal) = mother's Separation date - baby's Date of birth

Formula for the baby:

LOS (post-natal) = baby's Separation date - baby's Date of birth

Both calculations are inclusive of those dates and any leave days

are included.

Excludes transfers, home births and other non-hospital births.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Perinatal period version 1

is calculated using Separation date version 5

relates to the data element Length of stay (including leave days)

version 1

is derived from Date of birth version 5

## 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