
Date of birth

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000036 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-JUL-01
Definition: The date of birth of the person.
Context: Required to derive age for demographic analyses, for analysis by age at a point of time and for use to derive a Diagnosis Related Group (admitted patients).

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: DATE
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size: 8
Maximum Size: 8
Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates
Guide For Use: If date of birth is not known, provision should be made to collect age (in years) and a date of birth derived from age.
Verification Rules: For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies this field must:
- be <= Admission date, otherwise resulting in a fatal error
- not be null
- be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped, otherwise resulting in a fatal error.
Collection Methods: It is recommended that in cases where all components of the date of birth are not known or where an estimate is arrived at from age, a valid date be used together with a flag to indicate that it is an estimate.
Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Date of birth version 1

is used in the derivation of Diagnosis related group version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Demographic characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care	From 01-Jul-94 to 30-Jun-01
NMDS - Health labour force	From 01-Jul-95 to 30-Jun-01
NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care	From 01-Jul-97 to 30-Jun-01
NMDS - Community mental health care	From 01-Jul-98 to 30-Jun-01
NMDS - Admitted patient palliative care	From 01-Jul-00 to 30-Jun-01
NMDS - Alcohol and other drug treatment services	From 01-Jul-00 to 30-Jun-01
Draft DSS - CNMDSA for Community Nursing	From 01-Jul-00 to
Draft DSS - Telehealth (NHIMAC sub-committee)	From 14-Jul-00 to
