



- 8 Other
- 9 Unknown/inadequately described/not stated

Guide For Use: 1 Acute care hospital

A hospital that can provide for at least minimal medical, surgical or obstetric services for patients admitted overnight and provides round-the-clock comprehensive qualified nursing service as well as other necessary professional services. Most of the patients have acute conditions or temporary ailments and the average stay per admission is relatively short.

Hospitals specialising in dental, ophthalmic aids, mothercraft, rehabilitation, aged and extended care and other specialised medical or surgical care are included in this category.

Hospitals classified as psychiatric hospitals, alcohol and drug treatment hospitals, day hospitals and hospices are not included in this category.

2 Psychiatric hospital

A hospital devoted primarily to the treatment and care of admitted patients with psychiatric, mental or behavioural disorders.

3 Alcohol and drug treatment hospitals

Hospitals for the treatment of drug dependence on an admitted patient basis.

4 Hospice

An establishment providing palliative care to terminally ill admitted patients.

5 Day hospital facility

A day hospital facility is a hospital providing investigation and treatment for acute conditions on a day-only basis. This category includes sleep centres.

6 Hospital group

A hospital group is a group of hospitals that is managed together and for which some data are available only at the level of the group. They include groups of hospitals based on geographical areas, clinical specialties and management or ownership arrangements.

7 State or Territory

This category accommodates the reporting of data relating to hospitals that is not available or relevant for reporting at the establishment- or group-level.

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## *Administrative Attributes*

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Comments: The situation where establishment-level data for components of an area health service, for example, were not available separately at a central authority is not grounds for treating such a group of establishments as a single establishment unless such data were not available at any level in the health care system. In data collections data reported for hospital groups or for states or territories should contain only the information not reported at the establishment level. Where all information is reported at the establishment level no group level record is required.

## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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