

Establishment—number of occasions of service, total N[NNNNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Total occasions of service
METEOR identifier:	291066
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 04/07/2007
Definition:	The total number of occasions of examination, consultation, treatment or other service provided to a patient.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—number of occasions of service
Value Domain:	Total occasions of service N[NNNNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNNNN]
Maximum character length:	7
Unit of measure:	Occasion of service

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	May apply to imaging, pathology and/or pharmacy services, according to relevant National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) specifications. Each diagnostic test or simultaneous set of related diagnostic tests for the one patient referred to a hospital pathology department consists of one occasion of service.
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Collection methods:	<p>This data element must be collected in conjunction with outpatient clinic type.</p> <p>Data compiled from service or clinic activity records.</p> <p>Outpatient Care NMDS the following guides for use also apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients participating in group sessions each receive a count of one occasion of service, and these counts are assigned separately. • Outreach clinic services should be counted at the facility where the patient medical record is held. • Where a patient receives multidisciplinary care, within one booked appointment, one occasion of service shall be recorded, regardless of the number of providers involved. • Where patients have more than one booked appointment, each appointment will be counted as one occasion of service. (Example: three booked appointments on a single day will be counted as three OOS). • The occasion of service count should be attributed to the clinic type associated with the booked appointment. • Not counted are telephone calls and telemedicine contacts (as listed in the data element Non-admitted patient service event—service mode, hospital code N{.N})
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Comments:	Replaces Occasions of Service version 1, generalising its applicability to encompass the Outpatient Care NMDS, commencing 1 July 2005.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National minimum data set working parties, including Outpatient NMDS Working Group 2004.
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Has been superseded by Establishment—number of occasions of service, total N[NNNNNN]</p> <p>Health, Standard 04/07/2007</p> <p>See also Establishment—outpatient clinic type, code N[N]</p> <p>Health, Superseded 04/07/2007</p>
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	<p>Outpatient care NMDS</p> <p>Health, Superseded 04/07/2007</p> <p>Implementation start date: 01/07/2005</p> <p>Implementation end date: 30/06/2006</p>