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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 04/07/2007 |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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291061) |
| Value Domain: | [Total occasions of service N[NNNNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270715) |

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



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| 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. |
| Collection methods: | This data element must be collected in conjunction with outpatient clinic type.  Data compiled from service or clinic activity records.  Outpatient Care NMDS the following guides for use also apply:   * 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}) |
| Comments: | Replaces Occasions of Service version 1, generalising its applicability to encompass the Outpatient Care NMDS, commencing 1 July 2005. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National minimum data set working parties, including Outpatient NMDS Working Group 2004. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Establishment—number of occasions of service, total N[NNNNNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/336947)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 04/07/2007  See also [Establishment—outpatient clinic type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/291093)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 04/07/2007 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Outpatient care NMDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290728)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 04/07/2007  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2005  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2006 |