

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Registration status:	Health , Superseded 04/07/2007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: 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\[NNNNNN\]](#)
[Health](#), Standard 04/07/2007

See also [Establishment—outpatient clinic type, code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Outpatient care NMDS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007
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