Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days), total N[NN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Length of stay (including leave days)
METEOR identifier:	329889
Registration status:	Health, Standard 04/07/2007
Definition:	The total length of stay (LOS) of a patient, including leave days, measured in days.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days)
Value Domain:	Total days N[NN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NN]
Maximum character length:	3
Unit of measure:	Day

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Formula: LOS (including leave days) = separation date - admission date Total LOS is calculated by subtracting the patient's date of admission from their date of separation. It includes contract days and leave days. For babies born in hospital: 1) only calculate the total LOS of live births and 2) their admission date is the same as their date of birth. A **same-day patient** should be allocated a length of stay of one day. Total LOS relates to the episode of care associated with the birth. Babies born before arrival and still births are not within scope of this data element and should not have a total length of stay reported.
Comments:	All admitted patient episodes of care where it is required to know the total LOS in hospital (including leave days).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
Origin:	National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days), total N[NN]](#)
	[Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007
	Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](#)
	[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018
	[National Health Performance Authority (retired)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
	[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020
	Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—separation date, DDMMYYYY](#)
	[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
	[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016
Implementation in Indicators:	**Used as Numerator**
	[6.9 Average length of stay for stroke patients aged 65 years and over, major and large public hospitals, 2012–13](#)
	[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016
	[National Health Performance Authority (retired)](#), Retired 01/07/2016