

Establishment—number of group sessions, total N[NNNNN]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of group sessions
Synonymous names:	Group occasions of service
METEOR identifier:	336900
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Recorded 30/07/2015• Health, Standard 04/07/2007• Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 01/11/2012
Definition:	The total number of groups of patients receiving services. Each group is to be counted once, irrespective of the size of the group of patients or the number of staff providing services.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—number of group sessions

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNNN]
Maximum character length:	6
Unit of measure:	Group session

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>A group is defined as two or more patients receiving the same services at the same time from the same hospital staff at the same clinics.</p> <p>The following guides for use apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a group session is counted only for two or more patients attending in the capacity of patients in their own right, even if other non-patient persons are present for the service.• Spouses, parents or carers attending the session are counted for the group session only if they are also participating in the service as a patient.• A group session is counted for staff attending clinics only if they are attending as a patient in their own right. Staff training and education is excluded.• A group session may be delivered by more than one provider. A group session is counted for two or more patients receiving the same services, even if more than one provider delivers that service simultaneously.• Patients attending for treatment at a dialysis or a chemotherapy clinic are receiving individual services. Patients attending education sessions at chemotherapy or dialysis clinics are counted as group sessions, if two or more people are receiving the same services at the same time.
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Collection methods: Where a patient receives multidisciplinary care within one booked clinic appointment as part of a group, one group session shall be recorded, regardless of the number of providers involved. For example, if a group session is jointly delivered by a physiotherapist and an occupational therapist, one group session is counted for the patients attending that session.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Non-admitted patient NMDS Development Working Party, 2006

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Establishment—number of group sessions, total N\[NNNNN\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Non-admitted patient care aggregate DSS 2013-2014Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 01/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Non-admitted patient aggregate activity based funding DSS 2012-2013Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 31/10/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Non-admitted patient care aggregate NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Non-admitted patient care hospital aggregate NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

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[Non-admitted patient care Local Hospital Network aggregate DSS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Outpatient care NMDS 2007-13Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

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