

Occupied bed

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Definition: An occupied bed is an available bed where there is a patient physically in the bed or the bed is being retained for a patient (e.g. the patient is receiving treatment or is on leave).

Specialisation of: [Organisation](#)

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Beds may be available but not occupied, e.g. an 8 bed ward may be fully staffed, but only 7 beds are occupied. Also if a patient has left a bed to receive a different care type and will not be returning within 24 hours, the bed is not occupied.

The Occupancy Rate is calculated by dividing total bed days in a period by the product of the available beds and the days in the period – e.g. if in a non-leap year patients accumulated 33,000 bed days in a hospital with 100 overnight-stay beds, the occupancy rate = $33,000 / (365 * 100) = 90.4\%$. N.B. Occupancy rates calculated for same-day beds could exceed 100%.

Relational attributes

Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class: [Occupied bed—hospital in the home care](#)

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