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Hospital—hospital peer group, modified code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Hospital peer group (modified)

METEOR identifier: 584666

Registration status: National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

Definition: A health care facility that has been compared to other similar hospitals, as

represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Hospital—hospital peer group

Value Domain: Hospital peer groups modified code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

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	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Major metropolitan
	2	Major regional
	3	Large metropolitan
	4	Large regional
	5	Medium
	6	Small
	7	Specialist women's and children's
	8	Other

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Code 1 Major metropolitan hospitals

Metropolitan hospitals with >20,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations and >20,000 ED presentations per annum. AlHW A1 peer group >20,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations.

Excludes: Specialist women's and children's hospitals A2 AlHW peer group.

Code 2 Major regional hospitals

Regional hospitals with >16,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations and >20,000 ED presentations per annum. AlHW A1 peer group >16,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations.

Excludes: Specialist women's and children's hospitals A2 AlHW peer group.

Code 3 Large metropolitan hospitals

Metropolitan acute hospitals treating >10,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations and >20,000 ED presentations per annum. B1 and B2 AlHW peer group >10,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations.

Code 4 Large regional hospitals

Large regional acute hospitals treating >8,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations and >20,000 ED presentations per annum. All B1 and B2 AlHW peer group >8,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations.

Code 5 Medium hospitals

Medium acute hospitals in metropolitan and regional areas treating between 5,000 and 10,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations and >20,000 ED presentations per annum. All

Code 6 Small acute, small sub-acute and small non-acute hospitals

Includes:

- Small Regional acute hospitals (mainly small country town hospitals), acute hospitals treating <2,000 separations per annum, and with less than 40% non-acute and outlier patient days of total patient days;
- Small Remote hospitals (<5,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations but not 'multi-purpose services' and not 'small non-acute'). Most are <2,000 separations;
- Small non-acute hospitals, treating <2,000 separations per annum, and with more than 40% non-acute and outlier patient days of total patient days.

Code 7 Specialist women's and children's

Specialised acute women's and children's hospitals with >10,000 acute casemix-adjusted separations per annum. All A2 peer group hospitals.

Code 8 Other

Multi-purpose services, Hospices, Rehabilitation, Mothercraft, Other non-acute and Unpeered and other hospitals. E2, E4, E5, E9, F and G AlHW peer group hospitals.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Hospitals are placed into groups of similar hospitals to enable fair comparisons of performance across hospitals. A peer group can consist of hospitals of a similar size (major, large, medium, or small) or geographical location. Hospital size is determined by the number of admissions and in some instances the number of emergency department presentations annually. Hospitals within peer groups may change each year due to changes in annual hospital activity. Data reported within hospital peer groups are updated when new peer group information is available.