

Episode of care—number of psychiatric care days

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 722680

Registration status: [Health, Standard 18/12/2019](#)
[Tasmanian Health, Standard 19/06/2020](#)

Definition: The sum of the number of days or part days of stay that the person received care as an admitted patient or **resident** within a designated psychiatric unit, minus the sum of leave days occurring during the stay within the designated unit.

Context: Admitted patient and residential mental health care:

This metadata item is required to identify the characteristics of patients treated in specialist psychiatric units located within acute care hospitals or 24-hour staffed community-based residential services and to analyse the activities of these units and services.

Community mental health care:

This metadata item is required to identify the characteristics of patients treated in specialist psychiatric 24-hour staffed community-based residential services and to analyse the activities of these units. The metadata item is necessary to describe and evaluate the progress of mainstreaming of mental health services.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Episode of care](#)

Definition: A period of health care with a defined start and end.

Specialisation of: [Service episode](#)

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Number of psychiatric care days](#)

Definition: A count of days of in which specialised psychiatric care was received.

Property group: [Performance indicators](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Episode of care—number of psychiatric care days](#)
[Health, Superseded 18/12/2019](#)
[Tasmanian Health, Superseded 19/06/2020](#)

**Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:**

[Episode of care—number of psychiatric care days, total N\[NNNN\]](#)

[Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/06/2020