

# Admitted patient stay

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

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- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**Definition:** The period of admitted care provided by a [health care facility](#) between [formal admission](#) and a [formal separation](#).

The admitted care provided may include that provided by another health service provider under a [contracted hospital care](#) arrangement or [hospital-in-the-home care](#).

**Context:** Admitted patient care.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** **Relationship between admitted patient stay and episode of care**

An admitted patient stay may contain one, or more than one, [episode of admitted patient care](#).

Where an admitted patient stay contains more than one episode of admitted care it typically involves a care type change. That is, a [statistical separation](#) and a [statistical admission](#) may include a new [care type](#) to the previous episode of care.

**Reporting diagnoses and the admitted patient stay**

The Australian Coding Standards (ACS) include guidelines for reporting diagnoses that are relevant for an episode of admitted patient care. Certain ACS allow the reporting of diagnoses that are documented across the admitted patient stay.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

**Reference documents:** IHPA (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) 2022. Australian Coding Standards Twelfth Edition. Sydney: IHPA.

## Relational attributes

Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:

#### [Admission](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 15/08/2016
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Qualified 23/11/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016

#### [Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

#### [Hospital-in-the-home care](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Incomplete 17/10/2012
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016

#### [Separation](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Qualified 23/11/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016