Separation

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000148
Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Separation is the process by which an episode of care for an admitted patient ceases.

A separation may be formal or statistical.

Formal separation: the administrative process by which a hospital records the cessation of treatment and/or care and/or accommodation of a patient.

Statistical separation: the administrative process by which a hospital records the cessation of an episode of care for a patient within the one hospital stay.

Context: Admitted patient care.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Guide For Use: This treatment and/or care provided to a patient prior to separation occurs over a period of time and can occur in hospital and/or in the person's home (for hospital-in-the-home patients).

Related metadata: relates to the data element Separation date version 5
supersedes previous data element Separation version 2
relates to the data element Care type version 4
relates to the data element concept Admission version 3
relates to the data element concept Admitted patient version 3

Administrative Attributes

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**Comments:** While this concept is also applicable to non-Admitted patient care and welfare services, different terminology to 'separation' is often used in these other care settings.

### Data Element Links

**Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element**

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