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# Acute care episode for admitted patients

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000004 Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: An episode of acute care for an admitted patient is one in which the principal clinical intent is to do one or more of the following:  
- manage labour (obstetric);  
- cure illness or provide definitive treatment of injury;  
- perform surgery;  
- relieve symptoms of illness or injury (excluding palliative care);  
- reduce severity of illness or injury;  
- protect against exacerbation and/or complication of an illness and/or injury which could threaten life or normal functions;  
- perform diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.  
Context: Admitted patient care

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Care type version 4

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

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## *Data Element Links*

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

NHIM Service provision event

### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-00 to

NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care From 01-Jul-97 to