
Payments to visiting medical officers

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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Definition: All payments made by an institutional health care establishment to visiting medical officers for medical services provided to hospital (public) patients on an honorary, sessionally paid, or fee for service basis.

A visiting medical officer is a medical practitioner appointed by the hospital board to provide medical services for hospital (public) patients on an honorary, sessionally paid, or fee for service basis. This category includes the same Australian Standard Classification of Occupations codes as the salaried medical officers category.

Context: Health expenditure:
This is a significant element of expenditure for many hospitals (although not for other establishments) and needed for health financing and health expenditure analysis at the national level. Any analysis of health expenditures at the national level would tend to break down if significant components of expenditure were not available.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout: \$999,999,999
Minimum Size: 2
Maximum Size: 12
Data Domain: NOVAL Australian dollars. Rounded to nearest whole dollar.
Guide For Use: Record as currency up to hundreds of millions of dollars.

