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# Separation

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## *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Admin status: SUPERSEDED                      Effective date: 01-MAR-05  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.

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## *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

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## *Administrative Attributes*

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