

Establishment—number of individual session occasions of service for non-admitted patients (other medical/surgical/diagnostic), total N[NNNNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Individual sessions—other medical/surgical/diagnostic
Synonymous names:	Type of non-admitted patient care - other medical/surgical/diagnostic individual sessions
METEOR identifier:	270511
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The total number of occasions of examination, consultation, treatment or other service provided to a patient in a medical/surgical/diagnostic unit of a health service establishment not defined elsewhere. Each diagnostic test or simultaneous set of related diagnostic tests for the one patient referred to a hospital pathology department consists of one occasion of service.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—number of individual session occasions of service for non-admitted patients
Value Domain:	Total occasions of service N[NNNNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNNNN]
Maximum character length:	7
Unit of measure:	Occasion of service

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

For any occasion of service to a non-admitted patient given at a designated unit primarily responsible for the provision of medical/surgical or diagnostic services which have not already been covered in other data elements.

Other medical/surgical/diagnostic services include:

- electrocardiogram (ECG)
- obstetrics
- nuclear medicine
- general medicine
- general surgery
- fertility etc.

This metadata item identifies types of services provided to non-admitted patients in different institutional ways in different systems. It is not a summary casemix classification.

A patient who first contacts the hospital and receives non-admitted care, for example through emergency departments, and is subsequently admitted, should have both components of care enumerated separately. Where possible, non-admitted occasions of service that are provided to patients who are subsequently admitted should be identified as a subset of the total occasions of service.

The list of Type of non-admitted patient care categories was to be developed using typical functional units or cost centres within existing institutions. These would include designated wards or departments and specialised clinics. Although the current statistical/financial returns submitted to the various health authorities by their hospitals do not provide a minimum subset, an effort has been made to define the categories in respect to those areas commonly collected. Many functional units provide services to both admitted patients and non-admitted patients, for example pathology. Only occasions of service for non-admitted patients should be included in this section.

Collection methods:

The definition does not distinguish case complexity for non-admitted patients.

For example, an occasion of service could vary in complexity from a simple urine glucose test to a complete biochemical analysis of all body fluids. Ideally, average case complexity values would be available for the various categories of non-admitted patients in the same way that average diagnosis related group weighted separations are becoming available for acute admitted patients. However, such measures would require the development of patient record databases for non-admitted patients. This does not imply an inadequacy in definition.


For admitted patients the concept of a **separation** is widely accepted. Separations can vary from admission for overnight observation to open heart surgery. The issue of case complexity for both admitted and non-admitted patients is a separate issue and beyond the scope of the proposed summary establishment-level activity data.

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

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