

Number of leave periods

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000107

Version number: 3

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG

Admin status: SUPERSEDED

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Definition: Number of leave periods in a hospital stay (excluding one-day leave periods for admitted patients).

Leave period is a temporary absence from hospital, with medical approval for a period no greater than seven consecutive days.

Context: Recording of leave periods allows for the calculation of patient days excluding leave. This is important for analysis of costs per patient and for planning. The maximum limit allowed for leave affects admission and separation rates, particularly for long-stay patients who may have several leave periods.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE

Representation NN layout:

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 2

Data Domain: NOVAL Count of leave periods

Guide For Use: If the period of leave is greater than seven days or the patient fails to return from leave, the patient is discharged.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Number of leave periods version 2

supersedes previous derived data element Number of leave periods exceeding ten days version 2
is used in the derivation of Length of stay version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: This data element was modified in July 1996 to exclude the previous differentiation between the psychiatric and other patients at the instigation of the National Mental Health Strategy Committee.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care