
Previous specialised treatment

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000139 Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Whether a patient has had a previous admission or service contact for treatment in the specialty area within which treatment is now being provided.
Context:

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Patient has no previous admission(s) or service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
2 Patient has previous hospital admission(s) but no service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
3 Patient has previous service contact(s) but no hospital admission(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
4 Patient has both previous hospital admission(s) and service contact(s) for the specialised treatment now being provided
5 Unknown/not stated

Guide For Use: For codes 2-4 Includes patients who have been seen at any time in the past within the speciality within which the patient is

currently being treated (mental health or palliative care), regardless of whether it was part of the current episode or a previous admission/service contact many years in the past. Use these codes regardless of whether the previous treatment was provided within the service in which the person is now being treated, or another equivalent specialised service (either institutional or community-based).

Admitted patients, whose only prior specialised treatment contact was the service contact that referred the patient for admission should be coded as category 1.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element First admission for psychiatric treatment version 2
relates to the data element concept Service contact version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee
National Mental Health Information Strategy Committee

Comments: This data item was originally developed in the context of mental health institutional care data development (originally data element Problem status and later First admission for psychiatric treatment). More recent data development work, particularly in the area of palliative care, led to the need for this data item to be re-worded in more generic terms for inclusion in other data sets.

For palliative care, the value of this data element is in its use in enabling approximate identification of the number of new palliative care patients receiving specialised treatment. The use of this data element in this way would be improved by the reporting of this data by community-based services.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care From 01-Jul-99 to

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