Overnight-stay patient

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000116   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT

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Definition: A patient who, following a clinical decision, receives hospital treatment for a minimum of one night i.e. who is admitted to and separated from the hospital on different dates.

Context: Institutional health care

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Guide For Use: An overnight-stay patient of a hospital (originating hospital) who attends another hospital (the destination hospital) for a same-day procedure is to be regarded by the originating hospital as an overnight-stay patient, as if the patient had not left for the same-day procedure. For reporting purposes, the procedure is regarded as part of the overnight-stay episode at the originating hospital. The destination hospital must record the patient as a 'contracted same-day patient', thus distinguishing that patient from other same-day patients who were not simultaneously overnight-stay patients at another hospital. Refer to the data element Intended length of hospital stay.

An overnight-stay patient in one hospital cannot be concurrently an overnight-stay patient in another hospital. Such a patient must be discharged from one and admitted to the other on each occasion of transfer.

Treatment provided to an intended same-day patient who is subsequently classified as an overnight-stay patient shall be regarded as part of the overnight episode.

A non-admitted (emergency/outpatient) service provided to a patient who is subsequently classified as an admitted patient shall be regarded as part of the admitted episode. Any occasion of

service should be recorded and identified as part of the admitted patient's episode of care.

The definition of an overnight-stay patient excludes patients who leave of their own accord, die or are transferred on their first day in the hospital.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Admitted patient version 1
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Administrative Attributes

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Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Recipient role

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Public hospital establishments   From 01-Jul-96 to 30-Jun-00