Date of first community nursing visit

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

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Definition: The date of first face-to-face contact between a staff member of the agency and a client in a non-institutional setting.

Context: Community nursing: the date of first visit is used to distinguish an episode of care from all other episodes a client may have, to locate that episode in time and to derive the length of the episode for management and monitoring purposes.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: DATE

Representation layout: DDMMCCYY

Minimum Size: 8

Maximum Size: 8

Data Domain: NOVAL   Valid dates

Guide For Use: Normally this will be the first home or clinic visit and is the date most often referred to in a service agency as the client admission. This date applies whether a client is being admitted for the first time, or is being re-admitted for care.

The definition excludes:
- visits made to clients in institutional settings such as liaison visits or discharge planning visits made in a hospital or nursing home, with the intent of planning for the future delivery of nursing services;
- first visits where there is no contact with the client, such as a first visit by a nurse where no one is at home; and
- telephone, letter, or other such contacts made with the client

prior to the first home visit. In situations where the initial visit assessment determines that no future visit needs to be made, the date of first visit and the discharge date (see Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia, 1994, item S-6) will be the same. As long as contact is made with the client in a non-institutional setting, the date of first visit must be recorded.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia, Steering Committee

Comments: This is the original Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia item 'Admission date'. The name has been changed to more accurately reflect the event it describes. The date of first visit is the most standard event which signals the beginning of an episode of care in the community setting and should not be confused with the data element Date of first contact with the community nursing service, although these could be simultaneous.

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