
Admission date

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	Version number:	3
Knowledgebase ID:	000008		
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	30-JUN-99
Definition:	Date on which an admitted patient commences an episode of care by one of the following processes: Formal admission is the administrative process by which a hospital records the commencement of treatment and/or care and accommodation of a patient. Statistical admission (excluding nursing homes) is the administrative process by which a patient who has been statistically separated recommences treatment and/or care and accommodation and occurs in the following circumstances: - statistical admission following leave of absence exceeding seven consecutive days for admitted patients; or - statistical admission on type change or transfer between episodes of care (see items Type of episode of care and Discharge date) within the one hospital stay.		
Context:	Institutional health care: required to identify the period in which the admitted patient episode and hospital stay occurred and for derivation of length of stay.		

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	DATE
Representation layout:	DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size:	8
Maximum Size:	

Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates

Verification Rules: Right justified and zero filled.

Admission date <= separation date.

Admission date >= date of birth.

Related metadata: is used in the calculation of Length of stay version 1
 relates to the data element concept Admission version 1
 supersedes previous data element Admission date version 2
 is used in the derivation of Diagnosis related group version 1
 relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to service delivery version 1
 relates to the data element Emergency department waiting time to admission version 1
 relates to the data element concept Patient presentation at emergency department version 1
 relates to the data element Date patient presents version 1
 relates to the data element Time patient presents version 1
 relates to the data element Type of visit version 1
 relates to the data element Date of triage version 1
 relates to the data element Time of triage version 1
 relates to the data element Triage category version 1
 relates to the data element Date of service event version 1
 relates to the data element Time of service event version 1
 relates to the data element Admission time version 1
 relates to the data element Departure status version 1
 has been superseded by Admission date version 4

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: This item was modified before July 1996 to make a distinction between statistical separations from leave and those occurring due to type change. Further modification has been made from July 1996 to exclude the previous difference between psychiatric and other patients, at the instigation of the National Mental Health Information Strategy Committee.

It is important to note the decision of the Nursing Homes Working Party not to record leave periods at the patient level, hence the exclusion of nursing homes from recording statistical admissions

(from leave or type change).

[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 care From 01-Jul-96 to 30-Jun-99

NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care From 01-Jul-97 to 30-Jun-99
