# Length of stay

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## Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000119 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 01-JUL-01

Definition: Hospital

The length of stay of a patient measured in patient days. A same-day patient should be allocated a length of stay of one patient day. The

length of stay of an overnight stay patient is calculated by subtracting the date the patient is admitted from the date of

separation and deducting total leave days. Total contracted patient

days are included in the length of stay.

Antenatal

To calculate antenatal length of stay, subtract the date the mother is

admitted from the date of delivery.

Postnatal

To calculate postnatal length of stay, subtract the date of delivery from the date the mother is separated. All leave days are excluded

from the calculation.

Context: Admitted patient care

# Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational QUANTITATIVE VALUE

form:

Representation NNN

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL Count number of patient days

Guide For Use: .

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Length of stay version 1

is calculated using Total leave days version 3 is calculated using Discharge date version 4 is calculated using Admission date version 4 has been superseded by Length of stay version 3

## Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

#### Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element
NHIM Performance indicator

Data Agreements which include this Data Element