Length of stay

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000119   Version number: 3

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: 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.

Context: Admitted patient care.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE

Representation layout: NNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL   Count of the number of patient days

Guide For Use: Formula:
LOS (incl. leave days) = Separation date - Admission date - Total leave days

The calculation is inclusive of admission and separation dates.

Related metadata: is calculated using Total leave days version 3
is calculated using Separation date version 5
is calculated using Admission date version 4
supersedes previous data element Length of stay version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: Perinatal length of stay data elements include leave days and so are not included in this data element.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Performance indicator

Data Agreements which include this Data Element