
Date of birth

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000036 Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 30-JUN-03

Definition: The date of birth of the person.
Context: Required to derive age for demographic analyses, for analysis by age at a point of time and for use to derive a Diagnosis Related Group (admitted patients).

Perinatal data collections require the collection of the date of birth for the mother and the baby(s).

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: DATE
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size: 8
Maximum Size: 8
Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates

Guide For Use: If date of birth is not known, provision should be made to collect age (in years) and a date of birth derived from age.

Verification Rules: For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies this field must:

- be <= Admission date, otherwise resulting in a fatal error
- not be null
- be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped, otherwise resulting in a fatal error.

Collection Methods: It is recommended that in cases where all components of the date of birth are not known or where an estimate is arrived at from age, a valid date be used together with a flag to indicate that it is an

estimate.

Data collection systems must be able to differentiate between the date of birth of the mother and the baby(s). This is important in the Perinatal data collection as the date of birth of the baby is used to determine the antenatal length of stay and the postnatal length of stay.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Date of birth version 2
is used in the derivation of Diagnosis related group version 1
is used in the calculation of Length of stay (antenatal) version 1
is used in the calculation of Length of stay (postnatal) version 1
relates to the data element Date of diagnosis of cancer version 1
has been superseded by Date of birth version 4

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Demographic characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
NMDS - Health labour force	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
NMDS - Perinatal	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
NMDS - Community mental health care	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
NMDS - Admitted patient palliative care	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
NMDS - Alcohol and other drug treatment services	From 01-Jul-01 to 30-Jun-03
