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# Episode of care

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000445 Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED Effective date: 01-OCT-03  
Definition: The period of admitted patient care between a formal or statistical admission and a formal or statistical separation, characterised by only one care type.  
Context: Admitted patient care.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:  
Guide For Use: This treatment and/or care provided to a patient during an episode of care can occur in hospital and/or in the person's home (for hospital-in-the-home patients).  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Separation date version 5  
relates to the data element concept Admission date version 4  
relates to the data element Care type version 4  
relates to the data element concept Admission version 3  
relates to the data element concept Admitted patient version 3  
relates to the data element concept Separation version 3  
has been superseded by Episode of admitted patient care version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation: Health Data Standards Committee.

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## *Data Element Links*

### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Service provision event

### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-00 to 03-Oct-03

NMDS - Admitted patient mental health care From 01-Jul-01 to

NMDS - Admitted patient palliative care From 01-Jul-01 to

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