

# Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days), total N[NN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Length of stay (including leave days)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	329889
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">HealthI</a> , Standard 04/07/2007
<b>Definition:</b>	The total length of stay (LOS) of a patient, including leave days, measured in days.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days)</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total days N[NN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Day

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Formula:</p> <p>LOS (including leave days) = separation date - admission date</p> <p>Total LOS is calculated by subtracting the patient's date of admission from their date of separation. It includes contract days and leave days.</p> <p>For babies born in hospital: 1) only calculate the total LOS of live births and 2) their admission date is the same as their date of birth.</p> <p>A <a href="#">same-day patient</a> should be allocated a length of stay of one day.</p> <p>Total LOS relates to the episode of care associated with the birth.</p> <p>Babies born before arrival and still births are not within scope of this data element and should not have a total length of stay reported.</p>
<b>Comments:</b>	All admitted patient episodes of care where it is required to know the total LOS in hospital (including leave days).

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
<b>Origin:</b>	National Health Data Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay \(including leave days\), total N\[NN\]](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—separation date, DDMMYYYY](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[6.9 Average length of stay for stroke patients aged 65 years and over, major and large public hospitals, 2012–13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 23/11/2016