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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Length of stay (including leave days) |
| METEOR identifier: | 329889 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 04/07/2007 |
| Definition: | The total length of stay (LOS) of a patient, including leave days, measured in days. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269423) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269423 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | The length of stay of a patient measured in days. |
| Object class: | [Episode of admitted patient care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/268956) |
| Property: | [Length of stay](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269031) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Total days N[NN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270577) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270577 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 10/04/2013  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 16/03/2016  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 05/09/2016 |
| Definition: | Total number of days. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
| Unit of measure: | Day | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Formula:  LOS (including leave days) = separation date - admission date  Total LOS is calculated by subtracting the patient's date of admission from their date of separation. It includes contract days and leave days.  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.  A [**same-day patient**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327270) should be allocated a length of stay of one day.  Total LOS relates to the episode of care associated with the birth.  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. |
| Comments: | All admitted patient episodes of care where it is required to know the total LOS in hospital (including leave days). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Origin: | National Health Data Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Episode of admitted patient care—length of stay (including leave days), total N[NN]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269983)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 04/07/2007  Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269967)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/09/2018  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 17/06/2020  Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—separation date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270025)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 01/03/2005  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/601266)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 23/11/2016 |