

# Establishment—number of hospital patient days including unqualified days for newborns, total N[N(7)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Hospital patient days including unqualified days for newborns
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	585098
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Recorded 27/08/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of days at a hospital for all patients, including all days for <b>unqualified newborns</b> , who were admitted for an episode of care and who separated during a specified reference period.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Establishment—number of hospital patient days including unqualified days for newborns</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total days N[NNNNN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[NNNNN]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	6
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Day

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

A day is measured from midnight to 2359 hours.

All patient days for unqualified newborns are included. Patient days for [hospital boarders](#) and [posthumous organ procurement](#) are excluded.

The following basic rules are used to calculate the number of patient days for [overnight-stay patients](#):

- The day the patient is admitted is a patient day
- If the patient remains in hospital from midnight to 2359 hours, count as a patient day
- The day a patient goes on leave is counted as a leave day
- If the patient is on leave from midnight to 2359 hours, count as a leave day
- The day the patient returns from leave is counted as a patient day
- The day the patient is separated is not counted as a patient day.

The following additional rules cover special circumstances and in such cases, override the basic rules:

- Patients admitted and separated on the same date ([same-day patients](#)) are to be given a count of one patient day
- If the patient is admitted and goes on leave on the same day, count as a patient day
- If the patient returns from leave and goes on leave on the same date, count as a leave day
- If the patient returns from leave and is separated, it is not counted as either a patient day or a leave day
- If a patient goes on leave the day they are admitted and does not return from leave until the day they are discharged, count as one patient day (the day of admission is counted as a patient day, the day of separation is not counted as a patient day).

When calculating total patient days for a specified period:

- Count the total patient days of those patients separated during the specified period, including those admitted before the specified period
- Do not count the patient days of those patients admitted during the specified period who did not separate until the following reference period
- Contract patient days are included in the count of total patient days. If it is a requirement to distinguish contract patient days from other patient days, they can be calculated by using the rules contained in the data element: total contract patient days.

**Comments:**

SAB surveillance coverage is the number of patient days (including unqualified newborns) under SAB surveillance presented as a percentage of the number of patient days (including unqualified newborns).

SAB patient episodes may be associated with both [admitted patient care](#) and [non-admitted patient](#) care. The count of patient days reflects the amount of admitted patient activity, but does not necessarily reflect the amount of non-admitted patient activity.

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Relational attributes**

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Episode of admitted patient care Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 02/09/2016

See also [Establishment—number of hospital patient days under Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia surveillance, total days N\[NNNNN\] Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018

See also [Establishment—number of hospital patient days under Staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infection surveillance, total days N\[NNNNN\] Health!](#), Qualified 16/03/2022

See also [Establishment—number of patient days, total N\[N\(7\)\] Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

See also [Non-admitted patient Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005