

National Minimum Data Sets

A National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) is a core set of data elements agreed by the National Health Information Management Group for mandatory collection and reporting at a national level. One National Minimum Data Set may include data elements that are also included in another National Minimum Data Set. A National Minimum Data Set is contingent upon a national agreement to collect uniform data and to supply it as part of the national collection, but does not preclude agencies and service providers from collecting additional data to meet their own specific needs.

The *National Health Data Dictionary* contains definitions of data elements that are included in National Minimum Data Set collections in the health sector, including data elements used to derive some of the performance indicators required under Australian Health Care Agreements (bilateral agreements between the Commonwealth and State/Territory governments about funding and delivery of health services). The Dictionary also contains some data elements that are not currently included in any agreed National Minimum Data Set collection but have been developed and endorsed as appropriate national standards. That is, all data elements used in National Minimum Data Sets are included in the Dictionary, but not all data elements in the Dictionary are included in National Minimum Data Sets.

The National Health Data Dictionary, Version 10, identifies data elements from the following national minimum data sets:

- 1 **Admitted patient care NMDS**
(formerly part of *Institutional health care NMDS*)
- 2 **Admitted patient mental health care NMDS**
(formerly named *Institutional mental health care NMDS*)
- 3 **Admitted patient palliative care NMDS**
(formerly named *Palliative care NMDS*)
- 4 **Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS**
- 5 **Community mental health care NMDS**
(now contains only patient level data)
- 6 **Community mental health establishments NMDS**
(split from *Community mental health care NMDS* and now contains only establishment level data)
- 7 **Elective surgery waiting times NMDS**
- 8 **Emergency Department waiting times NMDS**
- 9 **Health labourforce NMDS**
- 10 **Injury surveillance NMDS**
- 11 **Perinatal NMDS**
- 12 **Public hospital establishments NMDS**
(formerly part of *Institutional health care NMDS* and now contains only establishment level data)

Descriptions of these National Minimum Data Sets follow.

Admitted patient care NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2001 Version number: 2

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1989

Scope: Episodes of care for admitted patients in all public and private acute and psychiatric hospitals, free standing day hospital facilities and alcohol and drug treatment centres in Australia. Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and in Australia's off-shore Territories may also be included. Hospitals specialising in dental, ophthalmic aids and other specialised acute medical or surgical care are included.

Statistical units: Episodes of care for admitted patients

Collection methodology: Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative and clinical record systems. Hospitals forward data to the relevant State or Territory health authority on a regular basis (for example, monthly).

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

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Scope links with other NMDSs:	Episodes of care for admitted patients which occur partly or fully in designated psychiatric units of public acute hospitals or in public psychiatric hospitals:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admitted patient mental health care NMDS, version 2 		
Source organisation:	Episodes of care for admitted patients where care type is palliative care:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admitted patient palliative care NMDS, version 2 		
Comments:	National Health Information Management Group		
	Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.		
	Number of days of hospital in the home care data will be collected from all states and territories except Western Australia from 1 July 2001. Western Australia will begin to collect data from a later date.		

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Admitted patient mental health care NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2001 Version number: 2

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1997

Scope: The scope of this minimum data set is restricted to admitted patients receiving care in psychiatric hospitals or in designated psychiatric units in acute hospitals. The scope does not currently include patients who may be receiving treatment for psychiatric conditions in acute hospitals who are not in psychiatric units.

Statistical units: Episodes of care for admitted patients

Collection methodology: Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative and clinical record systems. Hospitals forward data to the relevant State or Territory health authority on a regular basis (for example, monthly).

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

<i>Data elements included:</i>	Additional diagnosis, version 4	page 130
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Patient, version 1 page 257	
Separation, version 3 page 387	
Data elements in common with other NMDSs:	See Appendix J
Scope links with other NMDSs:	Episodes of care for admitted patients which occur partly or fully in designated psychiatric units of public acute hospitals or in public psychiatric hospitals:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admitted patient care NMDS, version 2 • Admitted patient palliative care NMDS, version 2
Source organisation:	National Health Information Management Group
Comments:	Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.
	Number of days of hospital in the home care data will be collected from all states and territories except Western Australia from 1 July 2001. Western Australia will begin to collect data from a later date.

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Admitted patient palliative care NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2001 Version number: 2

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 2000

Scope: The scope of this data set is admitted patients receiving palliative care in all public and private acute hospitals, and free standing day hospital facilities. Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, correctional authorities and Australia's external Territories are not currently included.
Palliative care patients are identified by the data element 'Care type'.

Statistical units: Episodes of care for admitted patients

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

<i>Data elements included:</i>	Additional diagnosis, version 4	page 130
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	Funding source for hospital patient, version 1 [◆]	page 120
	Indigenous status, version 3	page 26
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Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Scope links with other NMDSs: Episodes of care for admitted patients which occur partly or fully in designated psychiatric units of public acute hospitals or in public psychiatric hospitals:

- Admitted patient care NMDS, version 2
- Admitted patient mental health care NMDS, version 2

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

Number of days of hospital in the home care data will be collected from all states and territories except Western Australia from 1 July 2001. Western Australia will begin to collect data from a later date.

Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2001 Version number: 2

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 2000

Scope: Publicly funded government and non-government agencies providing alcohol and/or drug treatment services. Including community-based ambulatory services and outpatient services.

Services in prisons and other correctional institutions will be excluded from the coverage of the collection at this stage. Methadone treatment services are also excluded. 'Sobering-up' shelters will be excluded from the coverage where they are primarily concerned with overnight stays. 'Half-way houses' will be excluded if they are primarily accommodation services. Admitted patients in psychiatric hospitals or general hospital wards are excluded. Information required about patients in hospitals will be extracted from currently available morbidity data.

Statistical units: Completed treatment episodes for clients with alcohol and drug problems.

Collection methodology: Data to be reported in each agency on completed treatment episode and then forwarded to State/Territory authorities for collation.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

<i>Data elements included:</i>	Client type, version 1	page 287
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Data elements in common with other NMDSs:	See Appendix J	
Source organisation:	National Health Information Management Group	
Comments:	Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.	

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Community mental health care NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2001 Version number: 2

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 2000

Scope: Patient level data: Data required for reporting by specialised psychiatric services that deliver ambulatory services, in both institutional and community settings. It does not extend to services provided to patients who are in general (non-specialised) care who may be receiving treatment or rehabilitation for psychiatric conditions.

The data provided through the Community mental health care NMDS supplements that reported for psychiatric and acute care hospitals through the Admitted patient mental health care NMDS.

Statistical units: Service contact dates

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

Data elements included:

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Country of birth, version 3 [♦]	page 22
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Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

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Community mental health establishments NMDS

Admin. status CURRENT 1/07/2000 Version number: 1

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1998

Scope: Data required for reporting by specialised psychiatric services that deliver ambulatory services, in both institutional and community settings and/or community-based residential care. It does not extend to services provided to patients who are in general (non-specialised) care who may be receiving treatment or rehabilitation for psychiatric conditions.

The data provided through the NMDS – Community Mental Health Establishments supplements that reported for psychiatric and acute care hospitals through the NMDS – Admitted Patient Mental Health Care.

Statistical units: Establishment level data.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

Data elements included:

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Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

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Elective surgery waiting times NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2001 Version number: 2

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1994

Scope: The scope of this minimum data set is patients on waiting lists for elective surgery (as defined in the Waiting list category data element) in public acute hospitals. Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the Waiting list category data element), but these are not part of the NMDS for elective surgery waiting times.

Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external Territories are not currently included.

To monitor waiting times for patients who are yet to be admitted to hospital, the scope is patients on elective surgery waiting lists at the census date.

To monitor waiting times for patients who have been admitted for elective surgery, the scope is patients who are admitted to hospital from elective surgery waiting lists, and who undergo the procedure for which they were waiting on an elective basis.

Data are also collected on the number of patients who have been removed from an elective surgery waiting list for reasons other than admission on an elective basis for the elective surgery for which they were waiting.

Statistical units: Patients on waiting lists on census dates; patients removed from waiting lists (for admission or other reason) during each financial year.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year
Census dates are 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June

Data elements included:

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	Elective surgery, version 1	page 336
	Hospital census, version 1	page 369
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	Non-elective care, version 1	page 354
Data elements in common with other NMDSs:	Nil	
Source organisation:	National Health Information Management Group	
Comments:	Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.	

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Emergency Department waiting times NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2000 Version number: 1

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1999

Scope: The scope of this data set is to be negotiated between Commonwealth and State/Territory Government health authorities. It is likely that data will only be required for reporting by metropolitan hospitals and larger rural/regional hospitals.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

Data elements included:

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Date of triage, version 1	page 396
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Time patient presents, version 2 [∇]	page 311
Triage category, version 1	page 402
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Supporting data element concepts:

Patient, version 1	page 257
Patient presentation at Emergency Department, version 2	page 304

Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

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Health labour force NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2000 Version number: 1

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1989

Scope: The scope of this set of data elements is all health occupations. National collections using this data set have been undertaken for the professions of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and podiatry, using labour force questionnaires in the annual renewal of registration to practice.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

Data elements included:

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Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

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Injury surveillance NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2000 Version number: 1

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1989

Scope: The scope of this minimum data set is patient level data from selected Emergency Departments of hospitals and other settings.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

Data elements included:

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Supporting data element concepts: Nil

Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published

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Perinatal NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2000 Version number: 1

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1997

Scope: The scope of this minimum data set is all births in Australia in hospitals, birth centres and the community. The data set includes information on all births, both live and stillborn, of at least 20 weeks gestation or 400g birth weight.

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

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<i>Supporting data element concepts:</i>	Birthweight, version 1	page 136
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Data elements in common with other NMDSs: See Appendix J

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

Public hospital establishments NMDS

Admin. status: CURRENT 1/07/2000 Version number: 1

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data record type: NATIONAL MINIMUM DATA SET

Start date: 1 July 1989

Scope: The scope of this dataset is establishment level data for public acute and psychiatric hospitals, including hospitals operated for or by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and alcohol and drug treatment centres.

From version 9 Patient level data remains in the new NMDS called Admitted patient care. These new NMDS replace the version 8 NMDS called Institutional health care.

Similar data for private hospitals and free standing day hospital facilities is collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the Private Health Establishments Collection.

Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external Territories are not currently included. Hospitals specialising in dental, ophthalmic aids and other specialised acute medical or surgical care are included.

Statistical units: Public hospital establishments

Collection methodology: Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative and clinical record systems. Hospitals forward data to the relevant State or Territory health authority on a regular basis (for example, monthly).

National reporting arrangements: State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated: Financial years ending 30 June each year

Data elements included:

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