

Appendix H: National Minimum Data Sets

Name: Institutional health care

Start date: 1/7/1989

Scope: Patient-level data (morbidity data)

The scope of this minimum data set is admitted patients in all public and private acute and psychiatric hospitals, free-standing day hospital facilities and alcohol and drug treatment centres.

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.

The collection period is the financial year ending 30 June. As a patient may enter hospital several times during a collection period (for either the same condition or different conditions), and the episodes for any one person are not linked, the published statistics relate to separations and not patients.

Establishment-level data

The scope of this minimum data set is public acute and psychiatric hospitals, including hospitals operated for or by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and alcohol and drug treatment centres.

Similar data for private hospitals and free-standing day hospital facilities are 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.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Activity when injured, version 1	1/7/1998
Acute care episode for admitted patients, version 1	1/7/1995
Additional diagnosis, version 4	1/7/1998
Administrative expenses, version 1	1/7/1989
Admission, version 2	1/7/1989
Admission date, version 4	1/7/1989
Area of usual residence, version 3	1/7/1997
Capital expenditure, version 1	1/7/1989
Capital expenditure – gross (accrual accounting), version 2	1/7/1997
Capital expenditure – net (accrual accounting), version 2	1/7/1997
Compensable status, version 2	1/7/1993
Country of birth, version 1	1/7/1994
Date of Birth, version 2	1/7/1994
Depreciation, version 1	1/7/1989
Diagnosis related group, version 1	1/7/1993
Domestic services, version 1	1/7/1989
Drug supplies, version 1	1/7/1989
Establishment number, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment sector, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment type, version 1	1/7/1989
External cause – admitted patient, version 4	1/7/1998
Food supplies, version 1	1/7/1989
Full-time equivalent staff, version 2	1/7/1997
Geographical location of establishment, version 2	1/7/1997
Group sessions, version 1	1/7/1989
Hospital, version 1	1/7/1994

Data element	Start date
Hospital boarder, version 1	1/7/1994
Hospital insurance status, version 3	1/7/1997
Indigenous status, version 2	1/7/1997
Indirect health care expenditure, version 1	1/7/1989
Individual/group session, version 1	1/7/1989
Infant weight, neonate, stillborn, version 3	1/7/1997
Intended length of hospital stay, version 1	1/7/1995
Interest payments, version 1	1/7/1989
Inter-hospital same-day contracted patient, version 1	1/7/1994
Live birth, version 1	1/7/1994
Major diagnostic category, version 1	1/7/1993
Medical and surgical supplies, version 1	1/7/1989
Mental health legal status, version 4	1/7/1999
Mode of admission, version 4	1/7/1999
Mode of separation, version 2	1/7/1993
Neonate, version 1	1/7/1995
Non-admitted patient, version 1	1/7/1994
Number of available beds for admitted patients, version 2	1/7/1997
Number of leave periods, version 3	1/7/1996
Occasions of service, version 1	1/7/1989
Other recurrent expenditure, version 1	1/7/1989
Other revenues, version 1	1/7/1989
Overnight-stay patient, version 1	1/7/1994
Patient, version 1	1/7/1995
Patient accommodation eligibility status, version 2	1/7/1993
Patient days, version 2	1/7/1995
Patient revenue, version 1	1/7/1989
Patient transport, version 1	1/7/1989
Payments to visiting medical officers, version 1	1/7/1989
Person identifier, version 1	1/7/1989
Place of occurrence of external cause of injury – admitted patient, version 4	1/7/1998
Principal diagnosis, version 3	1/7/1998
Procedure, version 5	1/7/1999
Recoveries, version 1	1/7/1989
Region code, version 2	1/7/1997
Repairs and maintenance, version 1	1/7/1989
Salaries and wages, version 1	1/7/1989
Same-day patient, version 1	1/7/1994
Separation, version 2	1/7/1999
Separation date, version 5	1/7/1999
Separations, version 2	1/7/1994
Sex, version 2	1/7/1994
Source of referral to acute hospital or private psychiatric hospital, version 3	1/7/1997
Source of referral to public psychiatric hospital, version 3	1/7/1997
Specialised service indicators, version 1	1/7/1989
State identifier, version 2	1/7/1997
Superannuation employer contributions (including funding basis), version 1	1/7/1989
Teaching status, version 1	1/7/1989
Total leave days, version 3	1/7/1996
Total psychiatric care days, version 2	1/7/1998
Treatment mode, version 2	1/7/1994
Type of episode of care, version 3	1/7/1998
Type of non-admitted patient care, version 1	1/7/1994
Type of non-admitted patient care (public psychiatric, alcohol and drug), version 1	1/7/1989

Name: Institutional mental health care

Start date: 1/7/1997

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.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Additional diagnosis, version 4	1/7/1998
Admission date, version 4	1/7/1997
Area of usual residence, version 3	1/7/1997
Compensable status, version 2	1/7/1997
Country of birth, version 2	1/7/1997
Date of birth, version 2	1/7/1997
Diagnosis related group, version 1	1/7/1997
Employment status – acute hospital and private psychiatric hospital admissions, version 2	1/7/1997
Employment status – public psychiatric hospital admissions, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment identifier, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment number, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment sector, version 2	1/7/1997
Hospital insurance status, version 3	1/7/1997
Indigenous status, version 2	1/7/1997
Major diagnostic category, version 1	1/7/1997
Marital status, version 2	1/7/1997
Mental health legal status, version 4	1/7/1999
Mode of admission, version 4	1/7/1999
Mode of separation, version 2	1/7/1997
Number of leave periods, version 3	1/7/1997
Patient accommodation eligibility status, version 2	1/7/1997
Pension status – psychiatric patients, version 2	1/7/1997
Person identifier, version 1	1/7/1997
Previous specialised treatment, version 3	1/7/1999
Principal diagnosis, version 3	1/7/1998
Region code, version 2	1/7/1997
Separation date, version 5	1/7/1999
Sex, version 2	1/7/1997
State identifier, version 2	1/7/1997
Total leave days, version 3	1/7/1997
Total psychiatric care days, version 2	1/7/1998
Type of accommodation, version 2	1/7/1999
Type of episode of care, version 3	1/7/1998
Type of usual accommodation, version 1	1/7/1997

Name: **Community mental health care**

Start date: **1/7/1998**

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 National Minimum Data Set – Community mental health care supplements that reported for psychiatric and acute care hospitals through the National Minimum Data Set – Institutional mental health care.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Additional diagnosis, version 4	1/7/2000
Administrative expenses, version 1	1/7/1998
Date of Birth, version 2	1/7/2000
Depreciation, version 1	1/7/1998
Domestic services, version 1	1/7/1998
Drug supplies, version 1	1/7/1998
Establishment identifier, version 2	1/7/1998
Food supplies, version 1	1/7/1998
Geographical location of establishment, version 2	1/7/1998
Indigenous status, version 2	1/7/2000
Interest payments, version 1	1/7/1998
Medical and surgical supplies, version 1	1/7/1998
Mental health legal status, version 4	1/7/2000
Non-salary operating costs, version 1	1/7/1998
Number of available beds for admitted patients, version 2	1/7/1998
Number of contacts (psychiatric outpatient clinic/day program), version 1	1/7/2000
Number of service contact dates, version 2	1/7/2000
Other recurrent expenditure, version 1	1/7/1998
Patient transport, version 1	1/7/1998
Payments to visiting medical officers, version 1	1/7/1998
Person identifier, version 1	1/7/2000
Principal diagnosis, version 3	1/7/2000
Repairs and maintenance, version 1	1/7/1998
Salaries and wages, version 1	1/7/1998
Separations, version 2	1/7/1998
Sex, version 2	1/7/2000
Superannuation employer contributions (including funding basis), version 1	1/7/1998
Total psychiatric care days, version 2	1/7/2000

Name: Elective surgery waiting times

Start date: 1/7/1994

Scope: The scope of this minimum data set is based on waiting lists for elective surgical care in public acute hospitals.

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

To monitor time waited by patients who are yet to be admitted to hospital, the scope is patients on or removed from the waiting lists on a date or during a period.

To monitor time waited by patients who have been admitted for elective care, the scope is patients admitted to hospital from the elective surgical waiting list.

Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Forces, corrections authorities and Australia's external Territories are excluded.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data Element	Start Date
Category reassignment date, version 2	1/7/1997
Census date, version 2	1/7/1997
Clinical review, version 1	1/7/1997
Clinical urgency, version 2	1/7/1997
Elective care, version 1	1/7/1997
Elective surgery, version 1	1/7/1997
Extended wait patient, version 1	1/7/1999
Hospital census, version 1	1/7/1997
Hospital waiting list, version 1	1/7/1997
Indicator procedure, version 3	1/7/1997
Listing date, version 2	1/7/1997
Non-elective care, version 1	1/7/1996
Overdue patient, version 3	1/7/1997
Patient listing status, version 3	1/7/1997
Reason for removal, version 2	1/7/1997
Surgical specialty, version 1	1/7/1995
Waiting list category, version 3	1/7/1995
Waiting time at a census date, version 1	1/7/1999
Waiting time at admission, version 1	1/7/1999

Name: **Emergency Department waiting times**

Start date: **1/7/1999**

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

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Date of triage, version 1	1/7/1999
Date of service event, version 1	1/7/1999
Date patient presents, version 1	1/7/1999
Departure status, version 1	1/7/1999
Emergency Department waiting time to service delivery, version 1	1/7/1999
Establishment number, version 2	1/7/1999
Patient presentation at Emergency Department, version 1	1/7/1999
Time of triage, version 1	1/7/1999
Time patient presents, version 1	1/7/1999
Triage category, version 1	1/7/1999
Type of visit, version 1	1/7/1999

Name: **Health labour force**

Start date: **1/7/1989**

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.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Classification of health labour force job, version 1	1/7/1995
Date of birth, version 2	1/7/1995
Health labour force, version 1	1/7/1995
Hours worked by health professional, version 2	1/7/1997
Hours worked by medical practitioner in direct patient care, version 2	1/7/1997
Hours on-call (not worked) by medical practitioner, version 2	1/7/1997
Principal area of clinical practice, version 1	1/7/1995
Principal status of health professional, version 1	1/7/1995
Profession labour force status of health professional, version 1	1/7/1995
Total hours worked by medical practitioner, version 2	1/7/1997
Type and sector of employment establishment, version 1	1/7/1995

Name: Injury surveillance

Start date: 1/7/1989

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

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Activity when injured, version 1	1/7/1996
Bodily location of main injury, version 1	1/7/1996
External cause – admitted patient, version 4	1/7/1998
External cause – human intent, version 4	1/7/1998
Narrative description of injury event, version 1	1/7/1996
Nature of main injury – non-admitted patient, version 1	1/7/1996
Place of occurrence of external cause of injury – admitted patient, version 4	1/7/1998
Place of occurrence of external cause of injury – non-admitted patient, version 3	1/7/1997

Name: Palliative care

Start date: 1/7/2000

Scope: At present, the scope of this minimum data set is admitted patients in all public and private acute hospitals, and free-standing day hospital facilities. Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external Territories are not currently included.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Additional diagnosis, version 4	1/7/2000
Admission date, version 4	1/7/2000
Area of usual residence, version 3	1/7/2000
Country of birth, version 2	1/7/2000
Date of birth, version 2	1/7/2000
Establishment identifier, version 2	1/7/2000
Indigenous status, version 2	1/7/2000
Mode of admission, version 4	1/7/2000
Mode of separation, version 2	1/7/2000
Person identifier, version 1	1/7/2000
Previous specialised treatment, version 3	1/7/2000
Principal diagnosis, version 3	1/7/2000
Separation date, version 5	1/7/2000
Sex, version 2	1/7/2000
Type of episode of care, version 3	1/7/2000

Name: Perinatal

Start date: 1/7/1997

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 400 grams birthweight.

Data elements included in the NMDS as at 1 July 1999:

Data element	Start date
Actual place of birth, version 1	1/7/1997
Birth order, version 1	1/7/1997
Birth plurality, version 1	1/7/1997
Birthweight, version 1	1/7/1997
Country of birth, version 2	1/7/1997
Date of birth, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment identifier, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment number, version 2	1/7/1997
Establishment sector, version 2	1/7/1997
First day of last menstrual period, version 1	1/7/1997
Gestational age, version 1	1/7/1997
Indigenous status, version 2	1/7/1997
Infant weight, neonate, stillborn, version 3	1/7/1997
Live birth, version 1	1/7/1997
Method of birth, version 1	1/7/1997
Neonate, version 1	1/7/1997
Neonatal death, version 1	1/7/1997
Onset of labour, version 1	1/7/1997
Perinatal period, version 1	1/7/1997
Person identifier, version 1	1/7/1997
Region code, version 2	1/7/1997
Separation date, version 5	1/7/1999
Sex, version 2	1/7/1997
State identifier, version 2	1/7/1997
State/Territory of birth, version 1	1/7/1997
Status of the baby, version 1	1/7/1997
Stillbirth (foetal death), version 1	1/7/1997