

Commonly requested data items

Data item	Comments	Required	Justification
Linkage variables			
Facility ID	For linkage, can be supplied upon request, see below		
UR number	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Full name	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Date of birth	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Sex	For linkage, can be supplied upon request, see below		
Address	For linkage only, not to be released to the researcher		
Episode information			
Facility ID	Generally, private facility IDs will be supplied as '99999'	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Facility type	Public acute, public psychiatric, private etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Episode start date	Admission date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Admission date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Admission time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Episode end date	Separation date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Separation date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Separation time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Length of Stay	Length of stay in days (capped at 30 days unless strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Care Type	AKA episode type. E.g. acute, newborn, rehab	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Source of Referral	Referral/transfer source – ED, outpatient department etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Facility Transferred From	Code or name. Public only. Private facilities will be returned as code '99999' or name 'Private'.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Facility Transferred To	Code or name. Public only. Private facilities will be returned as code '99999' or name 'Private'.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Planned Same Day	Whether patient is planned to be discharged on the same day as admitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mode of Separation	Patient status at separation e.g. discharged to home, transferred to another hospital, died in hospital.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elective Status	Elective, emergency, not assigned	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fund Source	Expected Principal source of patient funding - health service budget, private health insurance etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contract Role	Whether contracting or contracted hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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ICU Length of stay	Length of stay in level 6 ICU in hours and minutes (only available from 1 July 2013) (usually capped at 30 days unless strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Duration of CVS	Duration of continuous ventilatory support (only available from 1 July 2013) (usually capped at 30 days unless strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Psych Days	Length of stay in a psychiatric unit in days (usually capped at 30 days unless strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Standard ward	Standard ward on admission. Standardised code to describe the physical ward location.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Standard unit	Standard unit on admission. Standardised code to describe the treating doctor specialty. SNAP only pre-July 2007.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient demographics			
Preferred Language	ABS Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Age	Age on admission grouped in 5-year intervals, capped at 85+. If other grouping required, please provide strong justification.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Age on admission (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marital Status	Never married, married/de facto, widowed, divorced/separated, not stated/unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hospital Insurance status	Hospital insurance, not insured, not stated	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Indigenous Status	Whether Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, not Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander, not stated, not known	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Country of Birth	ABS Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) - detailed country of birth (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Country of birth major groups (e.g. Oceania and Antarctica, North-west Europe, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Australian South Sea Islander	Australian South Sea Islander status – yes, no, not known	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sex	Female, male, intersex or indeterminate, not stated/inadequately described	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clinical information			
Principal diagnosis	Principal diagnosis, ICD code	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other diagnoses	Other diagnoses, ICD codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
External causes	External causes, ICD codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Morphology	Morphology, ICD code	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Data item	Comments	Required	Justification
Procedures	Procedures, ACHI codes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Block codes	ACHI block codes for procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Procedure dates (only recorded for surgical blocks)	Procedure date DDMMYYYY (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Procedure date MMYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Procedure time HHMM (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group (DRG). Version assigned based on period of coverage requested.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geographical information			
Facility HHS	Hospital and Health Service (HHS) area of hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient HHS	HHS of patient's usual residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ARIA+	Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Index for Areas based on the Index of Relative Advantage and Disadvantage	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SA2 code	Statistical Area level 2 (SA2) of usual residence – available from 1 July 2002 (back-mapped); prior to this SLA code is available (requires strong justification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
State of residence	Australian state of usual residence (Qld vs Other unless strong justification provided)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please note that a strong justification is required for release of data items that carry a higher risk of identifying an individual.

For years of data available for this data collection please refer to the [Master Linkage File coverage dates](#).

For more details about these and other data items collected on admitted patients, please refer to the [QHAPDC Manual](#). Please note that not all data items listed in the QHAPDC manual are available for all facilities. Please check availability with the data custodian prior to requesting any data items that are not included on the commonly requested data item list.

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