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# C8 Length of stay

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| Short name | Length of stay |
| Detailed name | Length of stay (LOS) in hospital for selected tracer conditions and procedures |
| Short definition | Number of days of hospitalization for selected tracer conditions and procedures (average and median). |
| Type of indicator | Outcome measure |
| Domain | Efficiency |
| Inclusion | All bed days in hospital for selected tracer conditions and procedures: day care, bed units, intensive care units, rehabilitations units. |
| Exclusion | * Patient transferred to/from other hospitals * Acute surgical cases * Patients under 18 years of age |
| Dimension | Average, median |
| Data source | Retrospective data collection. Administrative databases (e.g. discharge abstracts). Compute the indicator on three full years/same period of three years to identify potential trends. (e.g. October and February 2009, 2010 and 2011). |
| Minimum case number | 60 consecutive patients per diagnosis code meeting the exclusion and inclusion criteria |
| Subindicators (for tracers with surgery) | length of stay until the first surgical procedure  length of stay from the first surgical procedure until discharge |
| Adjustment/ stratification | - |
| Interpretation | - |
| Definition | **length of stay (LOS):** discharge date – admission date + 1 |
| Codes for the tracer procedures/and conditions | Stroke (ICD 10): I61, I62, I63, I64  Community acquired pneumonia (ICD 10): J13, J14, J15, J18, A48.1  Hip fracture (ICD 10): S72.0, S72.1, S72.2  Coronary artery bypass (DRG): 117A,B,C, D, 190A, 192A,B  Knee arthroscopy (DRG): 398A,B  Inguinal hernia (DRG): 281B, 282A,B  Tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy (DRG): 097A  Cholecystectomy (DRG): 344, 345, 369Z  Varicose veins - stripping and ligation (DRG): 2030  *( codes should be defined by each country)* |