

healthcare episode

A grouping of one or more [healthcare encounters](#), in which a [subject of care](#) receives health care services for one or more health problems or disorders from a [healthcare provider](#).

Notes

- A *healthcare episode* may be part of another *healthcare episode*. For example, a *healthcare episode* may include several outpatient encounters and one or more [inpatient episodes](#).
- This general definition applies to SNOMED International documentation but it should be interpreted taking account of more specific national or organizational definitions of *healthcare episode*. This is particularly important as these definitions may have specific legal or financial implications.

Alternatives

- **episode of care**

Related Links

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