

inpatient episode

A [healthcare episode](#) that includes the [healthcare encounters](#) of a [subject of care](#) between their admission to and discharge from a hospital ward.

Notes

- This general definition applies to SNOMED International documentation but should be interpreted taking account of more specific national or organizational definitions of inpatient status. For example, in some cases transfers between wards or between [healthcare providers](#) may terminate the current *inpatient episode* and start a new one.

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