
California Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD)

General Description

An inpatient discharge record is submitted each time a patient is treated in a licensed general acute care hospital in California. These facilities report discharge data via the Medical Information Reporting for California System (MIRCal). Data collected through this system includes patient demographic information (i.e. age, sex, county of residence, race/ethnicity), diagnostic information, treatment information, disposition of patient, total charges for treatment, and the expected source of payment.

Data Collection

Datasets are updated on a semi-annual basis in September and March and there are approximately four million records per year. The submitted discharge data are reviewed by OSHPD for completeness and correctness, and there is a 2% error threshold for a dataset from a hospital to be deemed complete. Electronic nonpublic patient discharge data are available for the years 1983-2013. The data for both periods are combined, and the data are released once each year. For further information, visit

<http://www.healthdatastore.com/oshpd-california-hospital-inpatient-discharge-data.aspx>

Data Coverage

Data are collected from all licensed general acute care (inpatient) hospitals in California. In the most recent year of data available, OSHPD collected information from over 500 hospitals.

Accessibility

Data requests must be submitted to access different levels of protected data from the Data Request Center. Information concerning this can be found at

http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/Data_Request_Center/index.html

A public use version of the dataset with variables masked to prevent identification of individuals can be obtained by creating a data use agreement with OSHPD.

A confidential version of the dataset can be accessed, but one must apply for IRB approval in addition to the data use agreement.

Data Link

<http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/Products/PatDischargeData/PublicDataSet/>

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