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Encounter Domain Data Elements for the Primary Care Data Framework

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An Encounter is defined as an interaction between a patient and healthcare provider(s) for the purpose of providing healthcare services or assessing the health status of a patient (HISO 10116:2026 draft).

Encounter Domain Elements		
Concept	**Field**	**Definition**
Health Consumer	NHI number	A unique 7-character identifier assigned to a person by the NHI system
Health provider	Organisation identifier	A unique 8-character ID assigned by the HPI system to an individual organisation
Health provider	Organisation name	The name by which the organisation is known
Health provider	Facility identifier	A unique 8-character identifier assigned by the HPI system to an individual facility
Health provider	Facility name	The name by which the facility is known
Health provider	Health worker identifier	A unique six-character identifier assigned by the HPI system to an individual person
Health provider	Health worker role code	The designated role of a health worker
Booking	Date Booking Created	The date and time that the health care provider organisation sent or provided the Health Consumer with firm advice about the date on which their Encounter would occur.
Booking	Reason Cancelled	The reason why a scheduled encounter was cancelled, such as Health Consumer request, provider unavailability, or administrative error.
Encounter	Encounter Start Datetime	Encounter Start Datetime defines the date and time that a Health Consumer either attended an encounter in a health care setting or was admitted to hospital.
Encounter	Encounter End Datetime	Encounter End Datetime defines the date and time that a Health Consumers encounter in a health care setting ended or was discharged from a hospital.

Encounter Domain Elements		
Concept	**Field**	**Definition**
Encounter	Attendance Outcome	Attendance Outcome is the attendance code for the Health Consumer encounter
Encounter	Planned Mode of Delivery	The planned type of communication or method used to conduct the encounter

Endorsement

Details	Who	Signature
Endorse: the subset of Encounter data elements to derive the Primary Care Target (PHT) 1:02 17 December 2025	Dr Sarah Clarke On behalf of Primary Care Dataset Governance Group	