

DAD - Discharge Abstract Database



DAD - A new health database released by CIHI through the Statistics Canada Data Liberation Initiative.

The **Discharge Abstract Database** (DAD) captures administrative, clinical, and demographic information on hospital discharges (*including deaths, sign-outs and transfers*). Two files are available: **Clinical Detail** and **Geographic Detail**. These files contain a 10% sampling of persons from the database. Reference dates were randomly assigned to selected individuals between March 1-31, 2009 and all discharges within the 2 year period were included.

Users have to agree to the terms of a license before using the data.

To access data and documentation for DAD, search the Queen's University Library database of statistical resources (http://db.library.queensu.ca/numeric_data/) for 'DAD' and you'll get to a page with links to the license, and subsequently the data.

Detailed steps to get to the data:

1. Go to the Queen's University Library statistical database:
http://db.library.queensu.ca/numeric_data/
2. Search the statistical database for 'DAD' or 'discharge'
3. Under the DAD entry, click on the '**license agreement**' link.
4. Scroll down (*on the right*) and click on the link "**Access DAD data and documentation here**".
5. Read the license agreement and click on "**Agree to Follow License Conditions**" at the bottom
6. You'll land on a page that provides links to the data and documentation for DAD.

Documentation for the DAD includes:

- Specifications
- Executive Summary, 2009-2010
- Executive Summary, 2010-2011
- Abstracting Manual, 2009-2010
- Abstracting Manual, 2010-2011
- Record Layout
- CCI Tabular List, volume 3 (2009)
- ICD-10-CA Tabular List, volume 1 (2009)
- Download Lookup Tool for ICD-10, CCI and CMG coding
- Case Mix Glossary of Terms
- DAD Resource Intensity Weights and Expected Length of Stay for CMG+ 2011