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 Tablular 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