



H·CUP
HEALTHCARE COST AND UTILIZATION PROJECT

Powerful Data. Meaningful Answers.

Kids' Inpatient Database (KID)

Unique Data on Hospital Stays for Children

If you examine critical health care topics that affect the Nation's children *in the U.S.*, the Kids' Inpatient Database (KID) is designed to meet your needs. The KID is the only hospital administrative dataset that is designed specifically to assess hospital care among newborns, children, and adolescents.

A Comprehensive, User-Friendly Resource

Pediatric discharges are sampled from short-term, non-Federal hospitals that comprise 90 percent of all discharges in the United States. The unique design of the KID enables national and regional studies of common and rare pediatric conditions. Data are translated into a uniform, user-friendly format. Available every 3 years since 1997, the KID represents *all* pediatric inpatients, regardless of payer, thus providing a more complete picture of hospital care for children than any other national dataset.

A Reliable and Trusted Database Family

The KID is an integral component to the longstanding and powerful Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) family of databases.

A trusted data source since 1988, HCUP databases are considered by health services researchers to be among the most reliable and affordable databases for studying important health care topics. Visit the [HCUP-US Web site](#) for more information.

Advance Your Research

Apply hundreds of data elements to your research, including:

- All diagnoses and procedures (e.g., ICD-9-CM codes, DRGs)*
- Severity measures
- Source of admission
- Total hospital charges
- Hospital characteristics
- Payer (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and uninsured)
- Patient demographics
- Length of stay
- Discharge status

*International Classification of Diseases, Diagnosis-Related Groups.

Address Critical Topics

Rely on the KID to study important pediatric health care issues, including:

- Utilization by special population
- Hospital stays for rare conditions
- Variations in medical practice
- Quality of care and patient safety
- Impact of health policy changes
- Diffusion of medical technology
- Charges for specific conditions

Expand Your Analyses

Use HCUP tools. Free tools and software are available to estimate cost, identify preventable hospitalizations, assess quality of care and patient safety, identify comorbidities, define market areas, and categorize diagnoses and procedures. Many of these tools can also be used with other administrative health care databases.

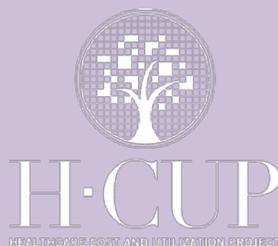
Link to other data. Information from sources like the American Hospital Association Annual Survey Database and the Area Resource File can be linked to the KID to enhance your analyses.

Explore KID data. [HCUPnet](#) – the free, online query system – provides instant access to the statistics from HCUP databases, including the KID.

Easy to Purchase

Purchasing information is available on the [HCUP-US Web site](#).

KID data are provided on CD in ASCII format. A statistical software package, such as SAS, SPSS, or Stata, is required for analysis. Programs to load data into software packages are provided.



The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP, pronounced “H-Cup”) is a family of powerful health care databases, software tools, and products for advancing research. Sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HCUP includes the largest all-payer, encounter-level collection of longitudinal health care data (inpatient, ambulatory surgery, and emergency department) in the United States, beginning in 1988.

HCUP is a Federal-State-Industry Partnership that brings together the data collection efforts of many organizations – such as State data organizations, hospital associations, private data organizations, and the Federal Government – to create a national information resource. HCUP would not be possible without the contributions of data collection Partners from across the nation.

For more information about HCUP, please visit www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov.