

## **Main Components and General Application --**

OASIS data items encompass sociodemographic, environmental, support system, health status, and functional status attributes of adult (nonmaternity) patients. In addition, selected attributes of health service utilization are included. These several different types of attributes should be part of a comprehensive patient assessment, but we emphasize that the OASIS was not developed as a comprehensive assessment tool.

In addition to measuring patient outcomes, OASIS data have three important uses in the areas of:

- Patient assessment and care planning for individual adult patients;
- Agency-level case mix reports that contain aggregate statistics on various patient characteristics such as demographic, health, or functional status at start of care; and
- Internal HHA performance improvement.

All applications build on and are implemented most efficiently and effectively when OASIS data items are thoroughly integrated into HHA clinical documentation.