

# Emergency surgery

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

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**Registration status:** [Health, Standard 12/06/2015](#)  
[Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/12/2016](#)

**Definition:** Emergency surgery is surgery to treat trauma or acute illness subsequent to an emergency presentation. The patient may require immediate surgery or present for surgery at a later time following this unplanned presentation. This includes where the patient leaves hospital and returns for a subsequent admission. Emergency surgery includes unplanned surgery for admitted patients and unplanned surgery for patients already awaiting an elective surgery procedure (for example, in cases of acute deterioration of an existing condition).

**Context:** Admitted patient care

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Surgery is defined as procedures listed in the surgical operations section of the Commonwealth Medicare Benefits Schedule.

Surgery is classified as either emergency surgery, [elective surgery](#) or [other surgery](#) on the basis of a patient's presentation and subsequent care (not by time periods to surgery).

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Elective surgery](#)  
[Health, Standard 12/06/2015](#)  
[Tasmanian Health, Standard 01/12/2016](#)

See also [Other surgery](#)  
[Health, Standard 12/06/2015](#)  
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**Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:**

[Elective surgery](#)

[Health](#), Standard 12/06/2015  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/12/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2015-16](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2016-17](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2017-18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

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[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021-22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022-23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2023-24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2024-25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

[Episode of admitted patient care—unplanned admission to Intensive Care Unit \(ICU\) following emergency surgery indicator](#)

[Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

[Episode of admitted patient care—unplanned admission to Intensive Care Unit \(ICU\) following emergency surgery indicator, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

[Health](#), Standard 04/09/2015

[Other surgery](#)

[Health](#), Standard 12/06/2015  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/12/2016

[Unplanned admission to Intensive Care Unit \(ICU\) following emergency surgery indicator](#)

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