

# Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 269481  
**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

**Definition:** A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective hospital care.

**Context:** Elective surgery:

Categorisation of waiting list patients by clinical urgency assists hospital management and clinicians in the prioritisation of their workloads. It gives health consumers a reasonable estimate of the maximum time they should expect to wait for care. Clinical urgency classification allows a meaningful measure of system performance to be calculated, namely the number or proportion of patients who wait for times in excess of the maximum desirable time limit for their urgency category (metadata item the overdue patient status).

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Elective surgery waiting list episode](#)  
**Definition:** The period between entry to and removal from an elective surgery waiting list.  
**Specialisation of:** [Service episode](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australia Institute of Health and Welfare

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Clinical urgency](#)  
**Definition:** A clinical assessment of the urgency with which care, treatment or assistance is required.  
**Property group:** [Service/care urgency](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/07/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 12/06/2015
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/12/2016

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Incomplete 13/09/2012