

Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list
METEOR identifier:	269959
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 13/12/2011
Definition:	The reason why a patient is removed from the elective surgery waiting list, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list
Value Domain:	Reason for removal from an elective surgery waiting list code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure in this hospital or another hospital
	2	Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure in this hospital or another hospital
	3	Could not be contacted (includes patients who have died while waiting whether or not the cause of death was related to the condition requiring treatment)
	4	Treated elsewhere for awaited procedure, but not as a patient of this hospital's waiting list
	5	Surgery not required or declined
	6	Transferred to another hospital's waiting list
Supplementary values:	9	Not known

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure in this hospital or another hospital

Patients undergoing the awaited procedure whilst admitted for another reason are to be coded this code.

CODE 2 Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure in this hospital or another hospital

This code identifies patients who were admitted ahead of their normal position in the queue because the condition requiring treatment deteriorated whilst waiting. Admission as an emergency patient could also be due to other causes such as inappropriate urgency rating, delays in the system, or unpredicted biological variation.

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CODE 3 Could not be contacted (includes patients who have died while waiting whether or not the cause of death was related to the condition requiring treatment)

CODE 4 Treated elsewhere for awaited procedure, but not as a patient of this hospital's waiting list

CODE 5 Surgery not required or declined

These codes provide an indication of the amount of clerical audit of the waiting lists. Code 4 gives an indication of patients treated other than as a patient of the hospital's waiting list. The awaited procedure may have been performed as an emergency or as an elective procedure.

CODE 6 Transferred to another hospital's waiting list

This code identifies patients who were transferred from one hospital's elective surgery waiting list to that of another hospital. The waiting time on the waiting lists at the initial hospital and subsequent hospitals should be combined for national reporting.

CODE 9 Not known

This code identifies patients removed from the waiting list for reasons unknown.

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group

Waiting Times Working Group

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

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No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

Implementation start date: 01/07/2002

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2006-09](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

Implementation start date: 01/07/2006

Implementation end date: 30/06/2009

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2009-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

DSS specific information: Data collected for this item from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 may not comply with the above requirements. Therefore, data collected from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 may not be directly comparable to data collected between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2011.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Healthcare Agreement: P34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2013](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2014](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2015](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2013](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2014](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013