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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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/12/2011 |
| Definition: | The reason why a patient is removed from the elective surgery waiting list, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269476) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269476 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 07/12/2016 |
| Definition: | The reason why a patient is removed from the waiting list. |
| Context: | Elective surgery:  Routine admission for the awaited procedure is only one reason why patients are removed from the waiting list. Each reason for removal provides different information. These data are necessary to augment census and throughput data. For example, after an audit the number of patients on a list would be expected to reduce. If an audit were undertaken immediately prior to a census the numbers on the list may appear low and not in keeping with the number of additions to the list and patients admitted from the list. |
| Object class: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269007) |
| Property: | [Reason for removal from a waiting list](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269071) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Reason for removal from an elective surgery waiting list code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270629) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270629 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/12/2011  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the reason why a patient is removed from an elective surgery waiting list. |

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| 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 |

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| 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.  CODES 3 - 5  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. |



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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/471735)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  Is re-engineered from  [Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list, version 4, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273820)  (16.8 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273057)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/335007)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/375336)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/395010)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/06/2011  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/497219)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/04/2014  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517644)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/559030)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/07/2016  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2013](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/497217)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 30/04/2014  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517642)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/01/2015  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/421623)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 31/10/2011  [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/435861)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/06/2013 |