Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list
METEOR identifier:	269960
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 13/12/2011
Definition:	The time elapsed (in days) for a patient on the elective surgery waiting list from the date they were added to the waiting list for the procedure to the date they were removed from the waiting list.
Context:	Elective surgery

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time
METEOR identifier:	269477
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health, Standard 02/12/2016
Definition:	The time elapsed for a patient waiting for elective surgery from the date they were added to the waiting list for the procedure.
Object class:	Elective surgery waiting list episode
Property:	Waiting time

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total days N[NNN]
METEOR identifier:	270631
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Housing assistance, Standard 01/05/2013 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health, Standard 02/12/2016
Definition:	Total number of days.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNN]
Maximum character length:	4
Unit of measure:	Day

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The number of days is calculated by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days when the patient was 'not ready for care', and also minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.

Days when the patient was not ready for care is calculated by subtracting the date(s) the person was recorded as 'not ready for care' from the date(s) the person was subsequently recorded as again being 'ready for care'.

If, at any time since being added to the waiting list for the elective surgical procedure, the patient has had a less urgent clinical urgency category than the category at removal, then the number of days waited at the less urgent clinical urgency category should be subtracted from the total number of days waited.

In cases where there has been only one category reassignment (i.e. to the more urgent category attached to the patient at removal) the number of days at the less urgent clinical urgency category should be calculated by subtracting the listing date for care from the category reassignment date. If the patient's clinical urgency was reclassified more than once, days spent in each period of less urgent clinical urgency than the one applying at removal should be calculated by subtracting one category reassignment date from the subsequent category reassignment date, and then adding the days together.

When a patient is removed from an elective surgery waiting list, for admission on an elective basis for the procedure they were awaiting, but the surgery is cancelled and the patient remains on or is placed back on the waiting list within the same hospital, the time waited on the list should continue.

Therefore at the removal date, the patient's waiting time includes the number of days waited on an elective surgery waiting list, both before and after any cancelled surgery admission. The time waited before the cancelled surgery should be counted as part of the total time waited by the patient.

Comments:

Elective surgery waiting times data collections include measures of waiting times at removal and at designated census dates. This metadata item is used to measure waiting times at removal whereas the metadata item waiting time at a census date measures waiting times at a designated census date.

The calculation of waiting times for patients, who are transferred from an elective surgery waiting list managed by one public acute hospital to another, will be investigated in the future. In this case, the amount of time waited on previous lists would follow the patient to the next. Therefore when the patient is removed from the waiting list (for admission or other reason), their waiting time would include the total number of days on all lists (less days not ready for care and days in lower urgency categories).

This is a critical elective surgery waiting times metadata item. It is used to determine whether patients were overdue, or had extended waits when they were removed from the waiting list. It is used to assist doctors and patients in making decisions about hospital referral, to assist in the planning and management of hospitals and in health care related research.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]
Health, Superseded 19/11/2015
National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

Is used in the formation of Elective surgery waiting list episode—extended wait patient indicator, code N
Health, Standard 01/03/2005

Is used in the formation of Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N
Health, Superseded 13/12/2011

Is used in the formation of Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N
Health, Superseded 12/06/2015

Is formed using Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY
Health, Superseded 12/06/2015

Is formed using Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY
Health, Superseded 25/01/2018
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 16/06/2020

Is formed using Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting list removal date, DDMMYYYY
Health, Superseded 25/01/2018
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 16/06/2020

Is formed using Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018
National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 17/06/2020

Is re-engineered from Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list, version 2, Derived DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (19.0 KB)
No registration status

See also National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2011-12
National Health Performance Authority (retired), Superseded 28/05/2014

See also National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2012-13
National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2013
Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012
Health, Superseded 25/06/2013

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