

# Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Clinical urgency
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270008
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 12/06/2015</li><li>• <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective hospital care, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code								
<b>Data type:</b>	Number								
<b>Format:</b>	N								
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1								
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Admission within 30 days desirable for a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly to the point that it may become an emergency</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Admission within 90 days desirable for a condition causing some pain, dysfunction or disability but which is not likely to deteriorate quickly or become an emergency</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Admission at some time in the future acceptable for a condition causing minimal or no pain, dysfunction or disability, which is unlikely to deteriorate quickly and which does not have the potential to become an emergency</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Admission within 30 days desirable for a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly to the point that it may become an emergency	2	Admission within 90 days desirable for a condition causing some pain, dysfunction or disability but which is not likely to deteriorate quickly or become an emergency	3	Admission at some time in the future acceptable for a condition causing minimal or no pain, dysfunction or disability, which is unlikely to deteriorate quickly and which does not have the potential to become an emergency
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes


**Guide for use:** The classification employs a system of urgency categorisation based on factors such as the degree of pain, dysfunction and disability caused by the condition and its potential to deteriorate quickly into an emergency. All patients ready for care must be assigned to one of the urgency categories, regardless of how long it is estimated they will need to wait for surgery.

**Comments:** A patient's classification may change if he or she undergoes [clinical review](#) during the waiting period. The need for clinical review varies with the patient's condition and is therefore at the discretion of the treating clinician. The waiting list information system should be able to record dates when the classification is changed (metadata item Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY).

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes  [Clinical urgency, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.4 KB) *No registration status*

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

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 03/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N](#)

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

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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

## Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#)  
[Health](#), Retired 13/12/2011

*Implementation start date:* 31/03/2012

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2012

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

*Implementation start date:* 30/09/2002

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2006

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2006-09](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

*Implementation start date:* 30/09/2006

*Implementation end date:* 31/03/2009

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2009-12 Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Candidate 16/07/2015  
[Health](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 30/06/2009

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2012-13 Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 30/09/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2013-15 Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012 Health](#), Retired 13/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012

[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

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**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

**Implementation in Indicators:**

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2011-12 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2012-13 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of surgeries for malignant cancer, 2011-12 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of surgeries for malignant cancer, 2012-13 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2011-12 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2012-13 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2011-12 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2012-13 National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who waited longer than the clinical urgency category time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2011-12](#) [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target \(Part 2\) Health, Standard 21/11/2013](#)

#### **Used as Denominator**

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2011-12](#) [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2012-13](#) [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2011-12](#) [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2012-13](#) [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who waited longer than the clinical urgency category time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2011-12](#) [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

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