

Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Surgical specialty
METEOR identifier:	270146
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 19/11/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor)
Value Domain:	Elective surgery code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	01	Cardio-thoracic surgery
	02	Ear, nose and throat surgery
	03	General surgery
	04	Gynaecology
	05	Neurosurgery
	06	Ophthalmology
	07	Orthopaedic surgery
	08	Plastic surgery
	09	Urology
	10	Vascular surgery
	11	Other

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	The above classifications are consistent with the Recommended Medical Specialties and Qualifications agreed by the National Specialist Qualification Advisory Committee of Australia, September 1993. Vascular surgery is a subspecialty of general surgery. The Royal Australian College of Surgeons has a training program for vascular surgeons. The specialties listed above refer to the surgical component of these specialties - ear, nose and throat surgery refers to the surgical component of the specialty otolaryngology; gynaecology refers to the gynaecological surgical component of obstetrics and gynaecology; ophthalmology refers to the surgical component of the specialty (patients awaiting argon laser phototherapy are not included).
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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Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty \(of scheduled doctor\), code NN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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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](#)
[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 \(census data\) NMDS 2015-16](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[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

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**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Disaggregation

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2012-13](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2014](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2015](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/07/2013

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who waited more than 365 days for elective surgery 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who waited more than 365 days for elective surgery 2012-13](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2014](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2015](#)

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