

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Surgical specialty
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270146
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 19/11/2015 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor)</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269607
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery.
<b>Context:</b>	Elective surgery:  Many hospitals manage their waiting lists on a specialty basis. Current data shows that the total ready-for-care times waited and numbers of long wait patients vary significantly between specialties. Furthermore, the hospital capacity to handle the demand for elective surgery varies with specialty.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Surgical specialty</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery code NN</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270728
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 19/11/2015 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing types of <a href="#">elective surgery</a> .

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code				
<b>Data type:</b>	String				
<b>Format:</b>	NN				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2				
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>01</td><td>Cardio-thoracic surgery</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	01	Cardio-thoracic surgery
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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).

## 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

Is re-engineered from  [Surgical specialty, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHMG, Superseded 01/03/2005 .pdf](#) (15.7 KB)

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

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

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**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](#)

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**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

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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](#)

National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016