

such as autologous blood collection, pre-operative diagnostic imaging or blood tests.

Not ready for care - these patients could be termed staged and deferred waiting list patients, although currently health authorities may use different terms for the same concepts. Staged patients are those whose medical condition will not require or be amenable to surgery until some future date, for example, a patient who has had internal fixation of a fractured bone and will require removal of the fixation device after a suitable time. Deferred patients are those who, for personal reasons, are not prepared to accept an offer of admission, for example, patients with work or other commitments which preclude admission to hospital for a time.

Deferred and staged patients should not be confused with patients whose operation is postponed for reasons other than their own unavailability; for example, surgeon unavailable, operating theatre time unavailable owing to emergency work load etc. These patients could be termed delayed waiting list patients.

This item is related to data element Clinical urgency. The time limit associated with an urgency category should only include time when the patient is classified as ready for care.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Hospital waiting list version 1
is used in conjunction with Waiting list category version 1
supersedes previous data element Patient listing status version 2
is used in conjunction with Waiting list category - ICD-9-CM code version 2
is qualified by Category reassignment date version 2

Administrative Attributes

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Comments: Only patients ready for care, classification 1, are to be included in the National Minimum Data Set - Waiting Lists 1995.

The dates when a patient listing status changes need to be recorded.

This item should be reviewed when the data element Clinical

urgency is revised.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
