# Waiting time since last category reassignment (throughput data)

## Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000390     Version number: 1

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG     Admin status: RETIRED

Effective date: 30-JUN-99

Definition: The time elapsed for each patient on the elective surgery waiting list from category reassignment date to admission date or from Listing date to admission date if there was no category reassignment date.

Context: Elective surgery: this is the critical waiting times data element. This data element is used to examine the distribution of waiting time, for example, measures of central tendency. Information based on this data item will have many uses including 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.

This item is also used in determining the data domain value for 'overdue patient'.

## Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE

Representation layout: NNNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAL     Count in number of days.

Guide For Use: Excludes days when the patient was 'not ready for care'.

The number of days is calculated from Admission date minus category reassignment date excluding days when the patient was

not 'ready for care', or for patients with no category reassignment, the number of days is calculated from Admission date minus Listing date, excluding days when the patient was not 'ready for care'.

Total not ready for care days is calculated by subtracting the date the person was recorded as 'not ready for care' from the date the person was subsequently recorded as again being 'ready for care'.

Related metadata: is calculated using Admission date version 3
is calculated using Listing date version 2
is calculated using Patient listing status version 3
relates to the data element Total waiting time (throughput data) version 2
is calculated using Category reassignment date version 2
relates to the data element Overdue patient version 3

## Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation:  Waiting Times Working Group

Comments: This data item measures the time waited since the patient was added to the waiting list or since the patient last changed urgency category and/or listing status, whichever is the most recent. In contrast, data element 'Total waiting time (throughput data)' measures the total time waited since the patient was added to the waiting list, regardless of changes in urgency category.

## Data Element Links

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

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*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*