
Reason for removal

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000142 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 30-JUN-97

Definition: The reason why a patient is removed from the waiting list.

Context: Elective surgery: routine admission for the awaited procedure is only one reason why patients are removed from the waiting list. Each reason for removal provides different information. These data are necessary to augment census and throughput data. For example, after an audit the numbers of patients on a list would be expected to reduce. If an audit were undertaken immediately prior to a census the numbers on the list may appear low and not in keeping with the number of additions to the list and patients admitted from the list.

Code 2 identifies patients who were admitted ahead of their normal position in the queue because the condition requiring treatment deteriorated whilst waiting. Admission as an emergency patient could also be due to other causes such as inappropriate urgency rating, delays in the system, or unpredicted biological variation. Codes 3-5 provide an indication of the amount of clerical audit of the waiting lists. Code 4 gives an indication of the frequency of patients being on more than one waiting list. This phenomenon inflates census data and hinders optimal management of waiting lists.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Admitted for awaited procedure

- 2 Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure
- 3 Could not be contacted (includes patients who have died while waiting whether or not the cause of death was related to the condition requiring treatment)
- 4 Treated elsewhere
- 5 Surgery not required or declined

Related metadata: has been superseded by Reason for removal version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group /
National Health Data Committee

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

NMDS - Elective surgery waiting times From 01-Jan-95 to 30-Jun-97
