Waiting list category

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000176   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The type of elective hospital care that a patient requires.

Context: Admitted patients: currently, hospitals maintain waiting lists which may include patients awaiting hospital care other than elective surgery - for example, dental surgery, oncology treatments, etc. This flag is necessary to distinguish patients awaiting elective surgery from those awaiting other types of elective hospital care. The waiting period for patients awaiting transplant or obstetrical procedures is largely independent of system resource factors.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain:
1 Elective surgery
2 Other

Guide For Use: The following patients should be classified as code 2 (other waiting list patients):
- all patients awaiting organ or tissue transplant procedures;
- all patients awaiting procedures associated with obstetrics, such as elective caesarean section, cervical suture;
- all patients awaiting cosmetic surgery (see comment below).

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Elective care version 1
is used in conjunction with Patient listing status version 2
is used in conjunction with Patient listing status version 1
has been superseded by Waiting list category - ICD-9-CM code

version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

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

Comments: It should be noted that the criterion for describing a procedure as
cosmetic surgery used here is that the procedure does not attract a
Medicare rebate. The criteria, for example, indicating when
mammaplasty does and does not attract a Medicare rebate are
explained in the surgical operations section of the current version
of the Medicare benefits schedule book.

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