# Waiting time since last category reassignment (census data)

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### Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	
Knowledgebase ID:	000268	Version number: 1
Metadata type:	DERIVED DATA ELEME	INT
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status: RETIRED
		Effective date: 30-JUN-99
Definition:	The time elapsed for each patient from category reassignment date to census date or from listing date to census date if there was no category reassignment.	
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.	

#### 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 Census 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 Census 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 Listing date version 2 is calculated using Census date version 2
	is calculated using Patient listing status version 3 is calculated using Category reassignment date version 2 relates to the data element Overdue patient version 3 relates to the data element Total waiting time (census data) version 2

#### 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 (census data)' measures the total time waited since the patient was added to the waiting list, regardless of changes in urgency category.

Data Element LinksInformation Model Entities linked to this Data ElementNHIMPerformance indicatorData Agreements which include this Data Element

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