
Total waiting time (census data)

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000165 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: RETIRED
Effective date: 30-JUN-99

Definition: The time elapsed for each patient from addition to the elective surgery waiting list to the census date excluding not ready for care days.

Context: Elective surgery: this is a critical waiting times data item. This item 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: 'Total waiting time (census data)' is calculated from 'Census date' minus 'Listing date' minus total not ready for care days.

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: supersedes previous data element Total ready for care time waited version 1
is calculated using Listing date version 2
is calculated using Census date version 2

is calculated using Patient listing status version 3
relates to the data element Waiting time since last category
reassignment (throughput data) version 1
relates to the data element Total waiting time (throughput data)
version 2
relates to the data element Waiting time since last category
reassignment (census data) version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Waiting Times Working Group

Comments: This data element measures the total time waited since the patient was added to the waiting list, regardless of changes in urgency category. In contrast, 'Waiting time since last category reassignment' 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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Performance indicator

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Elective surgery waiting times From 01-Jul-97 to 30-Jun-99
