Reason for removal

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000142   Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG

Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 01-JUL-01

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.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain:
1	Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure in this hospital
2	Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure in this hospital
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 for awaited procedure
5	Surgery not required or declined

Guide For Use: Patients undergoing the awaited procedure whilst admitted for

another reason are to be coded as code 1.

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 patients treated in other hospitals for the awaited procedure. The procedure may have been performed as an emergency or as an elective procedure.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Reason for removal version 1
has been superseded by Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group / Waiting Times 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-Jul-97 to 30-Jun-01