Waiting time at admission

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000413   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 30-JUN-02

Definition: The time elapsed for a patient on the elective surgery waiting list from the date they were added to the waiting list for the procedure to the date they were admitted to hospital for the procedure.

Context: Elective surgery: this is a critical elective surgery waiting times data element. It is used to determine whether patients are overdue, or had extended waits at admission. It is used 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: The number of days is calculated by subtracting the Listing Date from the Admission date, minus any days when the patient was 'not ready for care', and also minus any days the patient was waiting with a lower clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at admission.

Days when the patient was not ready for care is calculated by subtracting the date(s) the person was recorded as 'not ready for care' from the date(s) the person was subsequently recorded as again being 'ready for care'.

If, at any time since being added to the waiting list for the elective surgical procedure, the patient has had a lower clinical urgency category than the category at admission, then the number of days waited at the lower clinical urgency category should be subtracted from the total number of days waited.

In cases where there has been only one category reassignment (i.e. to the higher category attached to the patient at admission) the number of days at the lower clinical urgency category should be calculated by subtracting the Listing date from the Category reassignment date. If the patient's clinical urgency was reclassified more than once, days spent in each period of lower clinical urgency than the one applying at admission should be calculated by subtracting one Category reassignment date from the subsequent Category reassignment date, and then added together.

Related metadata: is calculated using Listing date version 2
is calculated using Patient listing status version 3
is qualified by Clinical urgency version 2
is calculated using Category reassignment date version 2
is used in the derivation of Overdue patient version 3
is used in the derivation of Extended wait patient version 1
is calculated using Admission date version 4
has been superseded by Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: AIHW, National Health Data Committee

Comments: Elective surgery waiting times data collections include measures of waiting times at admission and at designated census dates. This data element is used to measure waiting times at admission whereas the data element Waiting time at census date measures waiting times at a designated census date.

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-99 to 30-Jun-02