
NMDS - Elective surgery waiting times

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Start date: 01-JUL-94

End date:

Scope: The scope of this minimum data set is patients on, or removed from waiting lists for elective surgery (as defined in the Waiting list category data element) which are managed by public acute hospitals. This will include private patients treated in public hospitals, and may include public patients treated in private hospitals.

Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the Waiting list category data element), but this is not part of the NMDS for elective surgery waiting times.

Patients on or removed from waiting lists managed by hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external Territories are not currently included.

There are two different types of data collected for this minimum data set (census data and removals data) and the scope and list of data elements associated with each is different.

Census data: Data are collected for patients on elective surgery waiting lists who are yet to be admitted to hospital or removed for another reason. The scope is patients on elective surgery waiting lists on a census date who are 'ready for care' as defined in the 'patient listing status' data element.

Removals data: Data are collected for patients who have been removed from an elective surgery waiting list (for admission or another reason). Patients who were 'ready for care' and patients who were 'not ready for care' at the time of removal are included.

Statistical units: Patients on waiting lists on census dates; patients removed from waiting lists (for admission or other reason) during each financial year.

Collection

methodology: Category reassignment date is not required for reporting to the NMDS, but is necessary for the derivation of Waiting time at census date and Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list. Waiting list

category and Patient listing status are not required for reporting to the NMDS, but are necessary for determining whether patients are in scope for the NMDS. These data elements should be collected at the local level and reported to State and Territory health authorities as required.

National reporting arrangements:

State and Territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated:
Financial years ending 30 June each year for removals data. Census dates are 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June

Source organisation: National Health Information Management Group

Comments: For the purposes of this NMDS, public hospitals include hospitals which are set up to provide services for public patients (as public hospitals do), but which are managed privately.

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The inclusion of public patients on or removed from elective surgery waiting lists managed by private hospitals will be investigated in the future.

Statistical units are entities from or about which statistics are collected or in respect of which statistics are compiled, tabulated or published.

Data elements linked to this Data set specification

Name	Data	Reg.	ID	Ver	Type	Current
Australian State/Territory identifier	Int. NCSDD & NHDD	NCSIMG & NHIMG	002025	4	Data Element	Current
Category reassignment date	NHDD	NHIMG	000391	2	Data Element	Current
Census date	NHDD	NHIMG	000174	2	Data Element	Current
Clinical review	NHDD	NHIMG	000024	1	Data Element Concept	Current
Clinical urgency	NHDD	NHIMG	000025	2	Data Element	Current
Elective care	NHDD	NHIMG	000348	1	Data	Current

Elective surgery	NHDD	NHIMG	000046	1	Element Concept Data	Current
Establishment identifier	NHDD	NHIMG	000050	4	Element Concept Derived Data	Current
Establishment number	NHDD	NHIMG	000377	4	Element Data	Current
Establishment sector	NHDD	NHIMG	000379	4	Element Data	Current
Extended wait patient	NHDD	NHIMG	000400	1	Element Derived Data	Current
Hospital census	NHDD	NHIMG	000066	1	Element Data	Current
Hospital waiting list	NHDD	NHIMG	000067	2	Element Concept Data	Current
Indicator procedure	NHDD	NHIMG	000073	3	Element Data	Current
Listing date for care	NHDD	NHIMG	000082	4	Element Data	Current
Non-elective care	NHDD	NHIMG	000105	1	Element Data	Current
Overdue patient	NHDD	NHIMG	000085	3	Element Concept Derived Data	Current
Patient listing status	NHDD	NHIMG	000120	3	Element Data	Current
Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list	NHDD	NHIMG	000142	4	Element Data	Current
Region code	NHDD	NHIMG	000378	2	Element Data	Current
Removal date	NHDD	NHIMG	000798	1	Element Data	Current
Surgical specialty	NHDD	NHIMG	000161	1	Element Data	Current
Total waiting time (census data)	NHDD	NHIMG	000165	2	Element Derived Data	Retired
Total waiting time (throughput data)	NHDD	NHIMG	000386	2	Element Derived Data	Retired
Waiting list category	NHDD	NHIMG	000176	3	Element Data	Current

Waiting time at a census date	NHDD	NHIMG	000412	2	Derived Data Element	Current
Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list	NHDD	NHIMG	000413	2	Derived Data Element	Current