

# Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Indicator procedure
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	334984
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 07/12/2005</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	Indicator procedure for which an elective surgery patient is waiting, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 5th edition</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

**Permissible values:**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
01	Cataract extraction
02	Cholecystectomy
03	Coronary artery bypass graft
04	Cystoscopy
05	Haemorrhoidectomy
06	Hysterectomy
07	Inguinal herniorrhaphy
08	Myringoplasty
09	Myringotomy
10	Prostatectomy
11	Septoplasty
12	Tonsillectomy
13	Total hip replacement
14	Total knee replacement
15	Varicose veins stripping and ligation

**Supplementary values:**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
16	Not applicable

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The procedure terms are defined by ICD-10-AM (4th edition) codes. Where a patient is awaiting more than one indicator procedure, all codes should be listed. This is because the intention is to count procedures rather than patients in this instance.

These are planned procedures for the waiting list, not what is actually performed during hospitalisation.

**Comments:**

The list of indicator procedures may be reviewed from time to time. Some health authorities already code a larger number of waiting list procedures.

Waiting list statistics for indicator procedures give a specific indication of performance in particular areas of elective care provision. It is not always possible to code all elective surgery procedures at the time of addition to the waiting list. Reasons for this include that the surgeon may be uncertain of the exact procedure to be performed, and that the large number of procedures possible and lack of consistent nomenclature would make coding errors likely. Furthermore, the increase in workload for clerical staff may not be acceptable. However, a relatively small number of procedures account for the bulk of the elective surgery workload. Therefore, a list of common procedures with a tendency to long waiting times is useful. Waiting time statistics by procedure are useful to patients and referring doctors. In addition, waiting time data by procedure assists in planning and resource allocation, audit and performance monitoring.

### Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee  
International Classification of Diseases - Tenth Revision - Australian Modification  
(4th Edition) National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

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- [Health](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

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