Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Indicator procedure
METEOR identifier:	334984
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 07/12/2005
Definition:	Indicator procedure for which an elective surgery patient is waiting, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure
METEOR identifier:	269429
Registration status:	Health, Retired 09/09/2022 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	An indicator procedure is a procedure which is of high volume, and is often associated with long waiting periods.
Object class:	Elective surgery waiting list episode
Property:	Indicator procedure

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Indicator procedure code NN
METEOR identifier:	270587
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 13/12/2011 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	A code set representing indicator procedures.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 5th edition	
Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	NN	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	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:	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:

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