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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2005 |
| Definition: | Indicator procedure for which an elective surgery patient is waiting, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269429) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269429 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Retired 09/09/2022  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269007) |
| Property: | [Indicator procedure](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269365) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Indicator procedure code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270587) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270587 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/12/2011  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | A code set representing indicator procedures. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 5th edition](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/335419) | |
| 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 |



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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269991)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2005  Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/334976)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/12/2011 |