

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2011

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2011
METEOR identifier:	421623
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 31/10/2011
Description:	Median and 90th percentile waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, including by indicator procedure
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2011) Health , Superseded 31/10/2011
Outcome area:	Hospital and Related Care Health , Standard 07/07/2010 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34: Waiting times for elective surgery, 2011 QS Health , Superseded 04/12/2012

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Elective surgery as defined in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.</p> <p>See Table 6.5 in <i>Australian hospital statistics 2007—08</i> for a list of indicator procedures.</p> <p>Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was <i>Admitted as an elective patient</i>.</p> <p>Includes the proportion of removals for elective admission that waited more than 365 days.</p> <p>Analysis by state and territory based on location of service.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p> <p>Presented as number of days.</p>
Computation:	<p>The number of days waiting time is calculated by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days when the patient was 'not ready for care', and also minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.</p> <p>Calculated overall and for each indicator procedure.</p>
Numerator:	Not applicable
Numerator data elements:	Data Element / Data Set Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N Data Source National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection NMDS / DSS Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2006-09

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time \(at removal\), total days N\[NNN\]](#)

Data Source

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NMDS / DSS

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX\[X\(14\)\]](#)

Data Source

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NMDS / DSS

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Disaggregation:

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX\[X\(14\)\]](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Not applicable

2008–09 and 2009–10—State and territory, by indicator procedure (and total) by:

- peer group
- Indigenous status

2008–09—State and territory by:

- remoteness
- SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles

2008–09—Nationally, by SEIFA IRSD deciles

Disaggregations within individual jurisdictions are subject to data quality considerations. Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication. National disaggregation by Indigenous status will be based on data only from jurisdictions for which the quality of Indigenous identification is considered acceptable.

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Public hospital peer group

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN](#)

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2006-09](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2007\) NNNNN](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Comments:

Indicator procedures are a subset of all procedures, e.g. in 2007–08, approximately 65% of removals did not fall into one of the defined indicator procedures.

Most recent data available for 2011 CRC: 2008–09 and 2009–10

Representational attributes

Representation class: Median
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Time (e.g. days, hours)
Format: N[NN]

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

Frequency

Annual

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Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Long-term

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: P34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2010](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 45-Rates of services: Overnight separations, 2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 58-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011