

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012

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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, 2012
METEOR identifier:	435861
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 25/06/2013
Description:	Median and 90th percentile waiting times for elective surgery in public hospitals, including by indicator procedure
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2012) Health , Superseded 25/06/2013
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Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012 QS Health , Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Elective surgery as defined in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection.</p> <p>Indicator procedure as defined in Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN.</p> <p>Waiting time as defined in Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]. Calculated by jurisdictions by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.</p> <p>Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was <i>Admitted as an elective patient</i>.</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>Number of days waited at 50th and 90th percentile.</p> <p>Calculated overall and for each indicator procedure.</p>						
Numerator:	Not applicable						
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[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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

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

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Not applicable

Disaggregation:

2010–11—State and territory, by indicator procedure (and total) by:

- peer group
- Indigenous status

2009–10 (revised for peer groups and linkage to the National Hospital Morbidity Database)—State and territory, by indicator procedure (and total):

- peer group (unlinked data)
- Indigenous status (linked or unlinked data, depending on data availability and quality)

2009–10 (revised for peer groups and linkage to the NHMD)—State and territory, by:

- remoteness (Australian Standard Geographical Classification Remoteness Structure)(linked data)
- SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles (linked data)

2009–10 (revised for peer groups and linkage to the NHMD)—Nationally, by SEIFA IRSD deciles (linked data)

2007–08 and 2008–09 (revised for unlinked data from the NESWTDC), by indicator procedure (and total), by:

- peer group

Some disaggregation may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

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Public hospital peer group

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

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[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

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

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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[Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code \(ASGC 2008\) NNNNN](#)

Data Source

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

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

Comments:

Most recent data available for 2012 CRC: 2010–11.

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.

The scope of the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection is patients removed from waiting lists for elective surgery which are managed by public acute hospitals.

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:

<p>Data Source</p> <p>National Hospital Morbidity Database (NHMD)</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Annual</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</p>
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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: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2011](#)

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

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2013](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

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

[Health](#), Retired 09/09/2022

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

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

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

[Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

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

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 45-Rates of services: Overnight separations, 2012](#)

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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 58-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2012](#)

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