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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Clinical urgency |
| METEOR identifier: | 453179 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 01/12/2016 |
| Definition: | A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires hospital care, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/598030) |
| Value Domain: | [Urgency status code X[AXAA]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/452753) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | X[AXAA] | |
| Maximum character length: | 5 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | 1 - Urgent |
|  | 2 | 2 - Semi-urgent |
|  | 3 | 3 - Non-urgent |
|  | MH1 | SM 1-Immediate Contact |
|  | MH2 | SM 2-Contact within 2 hours |
|  | MH3 | SM 3-Contact within 24 hours |
|  | MH4 | SM 4-Contact within 48 hours |
|  | MH5 | SM 5-Contact within 2 weeks |
|  | MH6 | SM 6-Monitor Weekly |
|  | MH7 | SM 7-Monitor fortnightly |
|  | MH8 | SM 8-Monitor Monthly |
|  | MH9 | SM 9-Routine Follow Up |
|  | OPRIC | OP - referral under review |
|  | RAFIC | RFA incomplete |
| Supplementary values: | NSP | Not specified |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Patients who require an elective procedure should be assigned an urgency category by the treating clinician. The urgency category should be:   * appropriate to the patient and their clinical situation * not influenced by the availability of hospital or surgeon resources.   The following codes are required for the collection of clinical urgency for Elective Surgery Waiting List Patients and the definition of the values are as follows:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1 - Urgent | Procedures that are clinically indicated within 30 days | | 2 - Semi-urgent | Procedures that are clinically indicated within 90 days | | 3 - Non-urgent | Procedures that are clinically indicated within 365 days |   The remaining values are included in the hospital systems' reference file and are related to others services provided for patient management and should not be used for allocation to Elective Surgery Waiting List Patients. |
| Comments: | The treating clinician is the clinician with responsibility for the patient at the time of urgency categorisation.  The clinical situation of the patient is taken to encompass the patient's medical condition and the patient's life circumstances, including issues related to activity limitations, restrictions in participation in employment and other life situations, carer responsibilities and access to carer and other supports.  A patient's classification may change if he or she undergoes [**clinical review**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327214) during the waiting period. The need for clinical review varies with the patient's condition and is therefore at the discretion of the treating clinician. The waiting list information system should be able to record dates when the classification is changed |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663355)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 19/12/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715267)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 15/06/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/729676)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 23/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740990)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 23/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022  [Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/761238)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 23/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023  [Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2023](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775466)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 23/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 |
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