

Elective surgery waiting times cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier: 464669
Registration status:

- [Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

DSS type: Data Element Cluster

Scope: The scope of the Elective surgery waiting times data element cluster is patients on elective surgery waiting lists managed by public acute hospitals, in either category 1 or 2 of the 'Reason for removals from elective surgery waiting list' data element.

This will include private patients treated in public hospitals, and may include public patients treated in private hospitals.

Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the 'Waiting list category' data element), but this is not part of the national minimum data set (NMDS) for Elective surgery waiting times.

Patients on waiting lists managed by hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external territories are not currently included.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Outsourced or contracted patients

Public hospitals managing elective surgery waiting lists may either outsource elective surgery work to another hospital (public or private) or contract another hospital (public or private) to provide elective surgery on their behalf.

In such cases, the hospital where the outsourced or contracted elective surgery occurs is required to include the '*Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN*' data element for the hospital managing the elective surgery waiting list as part of the Elective surgery waiting times data cluster.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13 Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation:

This data element cluster is to be reported for patients on waiting lists for elective surgery, which are managed by public acute hospitals and have a category 1 or 2 assigned for the reason for removal from the elective surgery waiting list.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14 Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

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Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—extended wait patient indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Conditional	1