

# Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) DSS

## 1 January 2012-30 June 2012

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 470097

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Retired 13/12/2011

**DSS type:** Data Set Specification (DSS)

**Scope:** The scope of this data set specification (DSS) is patients removed from waiting lists for elective surgery (as defined in [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N](#)) which are managed by public acute hospitals. 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 [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N](#)), but this is not part of either this data set specification or the related national minimum data set (NMDS) for elective surgery waiting times.

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

Removals data:

Data are collected for patients who have been removed from an elective surgery waiting list (for admission or another reason). Patients who were 'ready for care' and patients who were 'not ready for care' at the time of removal are included.

### Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** Patients removed from waiting lists (for admission or other reason) during each financial year.

**Collection methods:** The data element '*Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY*' is not required for reporting to the DSS, but is necessary for the derivation of the data element '*Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at a census date), total days N[NNN]*'.

The data element '*Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N*' is not required for reporting to the DSS, but is necessary for determining whether patients are in scope for the DSS.

These data elements should be collected at the local level and reported to state and territory health authorities as required.

#### *National reporting arrangements*

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

For the reference year 2011-12, data provided to the National elective surgery waiting times data collection will be in accordance with the [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2009-2012](#), for data collected 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011, and in accordance with the [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#), for data collected 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012.

#### *Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated*

Financial years ending 30 June each year for removals data.

**Implementation start date:** 01/01/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012

**Comments:** There are two different types of data collected for this data set specification (census data and removals data) and the scope and list of data elements associated with each is different.

For the purposes of this DSS, public hospitals include hospitals which are set up to provide services for public patients (as public hospitals do), but which are managed privately.

The inclusion of public patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists managed by private hospitals will be investigated in the future.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Ageing

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2009-12](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

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

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