

# Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Indicator procedure
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	472513
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 02/05/2013 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	Indicator procedure for which an elective surgery patient is waiting, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Indicator procedure code NN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 7th edition</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	01	Cataract extraction
	02	Cholecystectomy
	03	Coronary artery bypass graft
	04	Cystoscopy
	05	Haemorrhoidectomy
	06	Hysterectomy
	07	Inguinal herniorrhaphy
	08	Myringoplasty
	09	Myringotomy
	10	Prostatectomy
	11	Septoplasty
	12	Tonsillectomy
	13	Total hip replacement
	14	Total knee replacement
	15	Varicose veins stripping and ligation
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	88	Other

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

### Guide for use:

The procedure terms are defined by the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) codes which are listed in comments below. Where a patient is awaiting more than one indicator procedure, all codes should be listed. This is because the intention is to count procedures rather than patients in this instance.

These are planned procedures for the waiting list, not what is actually performed during hospitalisation.

### Comments:

The list of indicator procedures may be reviewed from time to time. Some health authorities already code a larger number of waiting list procedures.

Waiting list statistics for indicator procedures give a specific indication of performance in particular areas of elective care provision. It is not always possible to code all elective surgery procedures at the time of addition to the waiting list. Reasons for this include that the surgeon may be uncertain of the exact procedure to be performed, and that the large number of procedures possible and lack of consistent nomenclature would make coding errors likely. Furthermore, the increase in workload for clerical staff may not be acceptable. However, a relatively small number of procedures account for the bulk of the elective surgery workload. Therefore, a list of common procedures with a tendency to long waiting times is useful. Waiting time statistics by procedure are useful to patients and referring doctors. In addition, waiting time data by procedure assists in planning and resource allocation, audit and performance monitoring.

The following is a list of ACHI (7th edition) codes, for the indicator procedures:

#### Cataract extraction:

42698-00 [195] 42702-00 [195] 42702-01 [195] 42698-01 [196] 42702-02 [196] 42702-03 [196] 42698-02 [197] 42702-04 [197] 42702-05 [197] 42698-03 [198] 42702-06 [198] 42702-07 [198] 42698-04 [199] 42702-08 [199] 42702-09 [199] 42731-01 [200] 42698-05 [200] 42702-10 [200] 42734-00 [201] 42788-00 [201] 42719-00 [201] 42731-00 [201] 42719-02 [201] 42791-02 [201] 42716-00 [202] 42702-11 [200] 42719-00 [201] 42722-00 [201]

#### Cholecystectomy:

30443-00 [965] 30454-01 [965] 30455-00 [965] 30445-00 [965] 30446-00 [965] 30448-00 [965] 30449-00 [965]

#### Coronary Artery bypass graft:

38497-00 [672] 38497-01 [672] 39497-02 [672] 38497-03 [672] 38497-04 [673] 38497-05 [673] 38497-06 [673] 39497-07 [673] 38500-00 [674] 38503-00 [674] 38500-01 [675] 38503-01 [675] 38500-02 [676] 38503-02 [676] 38500-03 [677] 38503-03 [677] 38500-04 [678] 38503-04 [678] 90201-00 [679] 90201-01 [679] 90201-02 [679] 90201-03 [679]

#### Cystoscopy:

36812-00 [1089] 36812-01 [1089] 36836-00 [1098]

#### Haemorrhoidectomy:

32138-00 [941] 32132-00 [941] 32135-00 [941] 32135-01 [941]

#### Hysterectomy:

35653-00 [1268] 35653-01 [1268] 35653-02 [1268] 35653-03 [1268] 35661-00 [1268] 35670-00 [1268] 35667-00 [1268] 35664-00 [1268] 35657-00 [1269] 35750-00 [1269] 35756-00 [1269] 35673-00 [1269] 35673-01 [1269] 35753-00 [1269] 35753-01 [1269] 35756-01 [1269] 35756-02 [1269] 35667-01 [1269] 35664-01 [1269] 90450-00 [989] 90450-01 [989] 90450-02 [989]

#### Inguinal herniorrhaphy:

30614-03 [990] 30615-00 [997] 30609-03 [990] 30614-02 [990] 30609-02 [990]

Myringoplasty:

41527-00 [313] 41530-00 [313] 41533-01 [313] 41542-00 [315] 41635-01 [313]

Myringotomy:

41626-00 [309] 41626-01 [309] 41632-00 [309] 41632-01 [309]

Prostatectomy:

37203-00 [1165] 37203-02 [1165] 37207-00 [1166] 37207-01 [1166] 37203-05 [1166]

37203-06 [1166] 37200-03 [1167] 37200-04 [1167] 37209-00 [1167] 37200-05 [1167]

90407-00 [1168] 37201-00 [1165] 37203-03 [1166] 37203-04 [1166] 37224-00 [1162]

37224-01 [1162]

Septoplasty:

41671-02 [379] 41671-01 [379] 41671-03 [379]

Tonsillectomy:

41789-00 [412] 41789-01 [412]

Total hip replacement:

49318-00 [1489] 49319-00 [1489] 49324-00 [1492] 49327-00 [1492] 49330-00 [1492]

49333-00 [1492] 49345-00 [1492]

Total knee replacement:

49518-00 [1518] 49519-00 [1518] 49521-00 [1519] 49521-01 [1519] 49521-02 [1519]

49521-03 [1519] 49524-00 [1519] 49524-01 [1519] 49527-00 [1524] 49530-00 [1523]

49530-01 [1523] 49533-00 [1523] 49554-00 [1523] 49534-00 [1519]

Varicose veins stripping and ligation:

32508-00 [727] 32508-01 [727] 32511-00 [727] 32504-01 [728] 32505-00 [728] 32514-00 [737]

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee

**Reference documents:** National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) 2010. The Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) – Seventh Edition - Tabular list of interventions and Alphabetic index of interventions. Sydney: NCCH, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN Health](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN Health](#), Retired 09/09/2022

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2015 Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2016 Health](#), Superseded 04/08/2016

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2017 Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 34-Waiting times for elective surgery, 2012 Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2012-13 Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 30/09/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13 Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

**Implementation in  
Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2013](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2014](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2015](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

**Used as Disaggregation**

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2012-13](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2014](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2015](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2014](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who waited more than 365 days for elective surgery 2012-13](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2014](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2015](#)

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

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2016](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2017](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2015](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016