

Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Indicator procedure
METEOR identifier:	472513
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 02/05/2013• National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	Indicator procedure for which an elective surgery patient is waiting, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 7th edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2
Permissible values:	

Value	Meaning
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

Supplementary values:					
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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
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35670-00 [1268] 35667-00 [1268] 35664-00 [1268] 35657-00 [1269] 35750-00
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35756-00 [1269] 35673-00 [1269] 35673-01 [1269] 35753-00 [1269] 35753-01
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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:

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 02/05/2013
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Not progressed 01/07/2016

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

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 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 30/09/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Elective surgery waiting times clusterHealth](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2013Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2014Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23-Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2015Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

