

# National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target (Part 1)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
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<b>Short name:</b>	National Elective Surgery Target (NEST) Part 1
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	489650
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 21/11/2013
<b>Description:</b>	The percentage of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time, by urgency category.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">Performance Indicators for the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 21/11/2013

## Collection and usage attributes

**Computation description:** [Elective surgery](#) is as defined in the Elective surgery waiting times (removals and census) NMDSS.

Waiting time is as defined in [Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list](#). Calculated by jurisdictions by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days when the patient was 'not ready for care', and also minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.

Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:

1. *Admitted as elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory*
2. *Admitted as emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory*

For the purposes of Part 1 indicator reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category they were when treated. When a patient's urgency category changes, existing NMDS business rules will apply.

Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.

Presented as a percentage.

**Computation:**  $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

**Numerator:** Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time.

**Numerator data elements:****Data Element / Data Set**

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time \(at removal\), total days N\[NNN\]](#)

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

**Guide for use**

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Denominator:**

Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery.

**Denominator data elements:****Data Element / Data Set**

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

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**Disaggregation:**

By state/territory

**Disaggregation data elements:****Data Element / Data Set**

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

**Comments:**

The scope of the indicator is all hospitals providing data under Schedule A of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA IPHS).

Performance by states and territories for the purposes of the NPA IPHS will be measured against the schedule of improvement agreed in Tables A5-A7 of Schedule A.

**Representational attributes****Representation class:**

Percentage

**Data type:**

Real

**Unit of measure:** Person  
**Format:** N[NN]

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

### Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

### Frequency

Quarterly

### Data custodian

Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare; Department of Health and Ageing

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations. National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services. Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations, Canberra. Viewed 15 February 2013,

[http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health\\_reform/national-workforce-reform/national\\_partnership.pdf](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health_reform/national-workforce-reform/national_partnership.pdf)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

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

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2013-15 Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2015-16 Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2016-17 Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

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

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See also [National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target \(Part 2\) Health](#), Standard 21/11/2013