

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Indicator procedure
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	514033
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 02/05/2013</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The 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>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 8th edition</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2
<b>Permissible values:</b>	

<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</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
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 the Comments field 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 (8th edition) codes comprising each indicator procedure category:

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] 42722-00 [201]

Cholecystectomy:

30443-00 [965] 30454-01 [965] 30455-00 [965]  
30445-00 [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] 38500-05 [679]  
38503-04 [678] 38503-05 [679] 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] 32138-01 [941] 32138-02 [941]

Hysterectomy:

35653-00 [1268] 35653-01 [1268] 35661-00 [1268]

35670-00 [1268] 35667-00 [1268] 35664-00 [1268]  
35657-00 [1269] 35756-00 [1269] 35673-02 [1269]  
35753-02 [1269] 35667-01 [1269] 35664-01 [1269]  
90450-00 [989] 90450-01 [989] 90450-02 [989]  
35653-04 [1268] 90448-00 [1268] 90448-01 [1268]  
90448-02 [1268]

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] 37209-01 [1166] 37210-01 [1166]  
37211-01 [1166] 90408-00 [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] 49339-00 [1492] 49342-00 [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] 32507-00 [728] 32514-00 [737]

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee

**Reference documents:** National Casemix and Classification Centre (NCCC) 2012. The Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) – Eighth Edition - Tabular list of interventions and Alphabetic index of interventions. Wollongong: NCCC, Australian Health Services Research Institute, University of Wollongong.

ACHI 8th edition is available for purchase from the National Casemix and Classification Centre (NCCC). Please see the following link for product information:  
<http://nccc.uow.edu.au/icd10am-achi-accs/overview/achi/index.html>

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 05/02/2021

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 03/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 21/08/2019

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 01/07/2022

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 2013-15Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2013

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2015

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

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*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2016

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

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

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2015

*Implementation end date:* 01/06/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times clusterHealth](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2012-13](#)  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23–Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2016Health](#), Superseded 31/01/2017