

National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2011-12

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2011-12
METEOR identifier:	527368
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Health Performance Authority (retired), Superseded 28/05/2014
Description:	The percentage of patients who received their elective surgery within the clinically recommended time.
Indicator set:	National Health Performance Authority: Hospital performance: 2011-16 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	The percentage of patients who received elective surgery within the clinically recommended time.
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Computation: $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

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

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

The calculation of waiting time excludes:

- any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent elective surgery urgency category than their urgency category at removal. When a patient's urgency category changes, existing NMDS business rules will apply.
- -people who were transferred to another hospital's elective surgery waiting list, were treated elsewhere but not on behalf of the hospital, were not contactable, died prior to receiving their surgery or declined surgery.

For the purposes of reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category they were when treated.

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

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#)

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#)

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](#)

Denominator: Number of patients who received elective surgery.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Disaggregation:

Hospital and elective surgery [urgency category](#)

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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Data Element / Data Set

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Comments:

The National Elective Surgery Target commenced in January 2012 with the requirement that 100% of all patients in all urgency categories will receive their surgery within clinically recommended times by 2015 for NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, and SA and by 2016 for TAS, ACT and NT. Each state and territory has a different starting point for each urgency category and, accordingly, a different target for each category for December of each year leading up to 2015 (or 2016). These targets are shown in the Table below.

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
URGENCY CATEGORY 1 (%)								
Target period	92.3	100.0	83.0	87.4	87.5	75.4	91.8	79.1
1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	96.0	100.0	89.0	94.0	94.0	84.0	95.0	83.0
1 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.0	97.0	90.0
1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016						100.0	100.0	100.0
URGENCY CATEGORY 2 (%)								
Baseline	86.6	72.5	74.8	79.2	87.6	59.3	44.1	56.9
1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	90.0	75.0	81.0	84.0	91.0	67.0	55.0	59.0
1 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	93.0	80.0	87.0	90.0	94.0	76.0	66.0	69.0
1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	97.0	88.0	94.0	95.0	97.0	84.0	78.0	77.0
1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.0	89.0	88.0
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016						100.0	100.0	100.0
URGENCY CATEGORY 3 (%)								
Baseline	89.4	91.9	88.1	97.2	95.5	76.8	76.9	81.6
1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	92.0	93.0	91.0	98.0	97.0	81.0	82.0	84.0
1 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	95.0	94.5	94.0	99.0	98.0	86.0	86.0	87.0
1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	97.0	97.0	97.0	99.0	99.0	91.0	91.0	89.0
1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.0	95.0	91.0
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016						100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: COAG Reform Council. February 2013. Matrix of performance information: National Partnership on Improving Public Hospital Services.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Person
Format: NN.N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [PAF-Effectiveness of access](#)
[PAF-Equity of access](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources: **Data Source**
[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)
Frequency
Annual
Data custodian
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Other issues caveats: Waiting time is calculated by states and territories by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was not ready for care and/or waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.

There are inconsistencies in application of urgency categories between and within states and territories which impact on the comparability of results.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [National Health Performance Authority. Hospital Performance: Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2012-13](#)

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

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

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

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

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