

# Clinical urgency

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

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

**Definition:** A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective hospital care.

**Context:** Elective surgery:

Categorisation of waiting list patients by clinical urgency assists hospital management and clinicians in the prioritisation of their workloads. It gives health consumers a reasonable estimate of the maximum time they should expect to wait for care. Clinical urgency classification allows a meaningful measure of system performance to be calculated, namely the number or proportion of patients who wait for times in excess of the maximum desirable time limit for their urgency category (metadata item the overdue patient status).

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

[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- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014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 2011-12](#)

- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/07/2013

[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- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014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 received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2011-12](#)

- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2014](#)

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

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2015](#)

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