

National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2014

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	Number of elective surgeries 2014
METEOR identifier:	558288
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Description:	The number of admissions for elective surgery for patients who were removed from an elective surgery waiting list.
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 number of admissions for elective surgery for patients who were removed from an elective surgery waiting list.
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Computation:

Number of surgeries are reported for patients whose reason for removal was:

- **For surgical specialty and indicator procedures:**

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

- **For urgency categories:**

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.

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

Exclusions

The calculation of waiting time excludes:

1. All days the patient was waiting with a less urgent elective surgery urgency category than their urgency category when removed from the list. When a patient's urgency category changes, existing NMDS business rules will apply
2. All patients who:
 - Were transferred to another hospital's elective surgery waiting list
 - Were treated elsewhere but not on behalf of the hospital
 - Were not contactable for booking the surgery or at booked time of surgery
 - Died prior to receiving their surgery
 - Declined surgery.

Data suppression

Counts of fewer than five surgeries are not reported to protect patient's privacy.

For annual counts, where data from one or more urgency categories or quarters are suppressed, the annual total is reported less the suppressed value. In addition, if an urgency category is suppressed, it is removed from the relevant quarterly total.

For clinical urgency categories annual data are sourced from [National Elective Surgery Waiting Time Data Collection](#) and quarterly data from [National Elective Surgery Target Data Collection](#).

For surgical specialty and indicator procedures annual data are sourced from [National Elective Surgery Waiting Time Data Collection](#).

Numerator:

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

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 \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

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 \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

Disaggregation:

Hospital, elective surgery clinical **urgency category**, selected surgical specialities, and indicator procedures.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N](#)

Data Source

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

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

Representational attributes

Representation class: Count
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Person
Format: N[NNN]

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [PAF-Effectiveness 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

Reporting requirements:	National Health Performance Agreement - Performance and Accountability Framework
Organisation responsible for providing data:	Australian Institute of Health Welfare
Other issues caveats:	There are inconsistencies in application of urgency categories between and within states and territories which impact on the comparability of results.
Release date:	28/05/2013

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Performance Authority
Origin:	Hospital Performance
Reference documents:	National Health Performance Agreement - Performance and Accountability Framework

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2012-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Health Performance Authority (retired), Superseded 28/05/2014
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