

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b- Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2015

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2015
METEOR identifier:	559028
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 08/07/2016
Description:	The percentage of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time, by urgency category.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2015) Health , Superseded 08/07/2016
Outcome area:	Hospital and Related Care National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 Health , Standard 07/07/2010

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: Elective surgery as defined in the Elective Surgery Waiting Times (removals and census) National Minimum Data Sets (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 the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal, and excluding days where the patient was not ready for care.

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

For the purposes of 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 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

[Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX\[X\(14\)\]](#)

Data Source

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

NMDS / DSS

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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](#)

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 Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

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

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Number of patients who received elective surgery.

Disaggregation:

State and territory

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2011\) N\(9\)](#)

Data Source

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

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](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Comments: NO DATA FOR 2015 REPORTING.

The scope of the indicator is all hospitals reporting to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection, which is patients removed from waiting lists for elective surgery which are managed by public acute hospitals.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources: **Data Source**

[National Hospital Morbidity Database \(NHMD\)](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data Source

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

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Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator.

Urgency category and 'not ready for care' definitions are currently being reviewed for Standing Council on Health (SCoH) by the AIHW and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2014](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b-Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2016](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 04/08/2016

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Incomplete 24/03/2014

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a-Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2015](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2015](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016