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| Definition: | Elective surgery is planned surgery that can be booked in advance as a result of a specialist clinical assessment resulting in placement on an elective surgery waiting list. |
| Context: | Admitted patient care |

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| Guide for use: | Surgery is defined as procedures listed in the surgical operations section of the Commonwealth Medicare Benefits Schedule.  Surgery is classified as either [**emergency surgery**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/534125), elective surgery or [**other surgery**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/568786) on the basis of a patient's presentation and subsequent care (not by time periods to surgery). |
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