

# National Healthcare Agreement Plb: Waiting times for non-emergency radiotherapy

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
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<b>Short name:</b>	Waiting times for non-emergency radiotherapy
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	594454
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Qualified 12/01/2016</li></ul>
<b>Description:</b>	Median and 90th percentile waiting times for radiotherapy patients whose treatment is not clinically assessed as an emergency, as measured from their ready-for-care date to the beginning of treatment.
<b>Outcome area:</b>	<a href="#">Hospital and Related Care</a> <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/07/2010

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Computation description:</b>	<p>Length of time patients wait for radiotherapy treatment once they are ready-for-care (in the opinion of the treating clinician) at the 50th (median) and 90th percentiles, for patients whose care is not an emergency as recorded by the clinical emergency indicator.</p> <p>The waiting time is calculated, in days, by subtracting the ready-for-care date from the radiotherapy start date.</p> <p>Analysis by State and Territory is for State or Territory of treatment facility.</p> <p>Analysis by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person.</p>
<b>Computation:</b>	Radiotherapy waiting time (in days) at the 50 <sup>th</sup> and 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile.
<b>Numerator:</b>	Radiotherapy waiting time (in days) at the 50 <sup>th</sup> and 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile.

**Numerator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Patient—ready-for-care date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database \(NRWTD\)](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Patient—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Data Source**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database \(NRWTD\)](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](#)

**Denominator:**

Not applicable.

**Disaggregation:**

State and territory, for patients whose clinical emergency indicator was recorded as 'no', by:

- Establishment sector
- Indigenous status
- Remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness structure)
- 2011 Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Relative Sociodemographic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles.

Nationally, by sector, by:

- 2011 SEIFA IRSD deciles.

Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database \(NRWTD\)](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](#)

**Guide for use**

Sector identifier at character position 2. Defined in [Establishment—sector, code N](#).

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database \(NRWTD\)](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database \(NRWTD\)](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](#)

**Comments:**

Most recent data available for National Healthcare Agreement (NHA) performance reporting: TBA.

Those who are deemed ready-for-care but do not receive treatment in the reporting period (including those who never go on to receive treatment) are not reported in the National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database, and are, therefore not included in this indicator. A person may experience more than 1 wait time in the reporting period, in which case, each of their waits would be included. The Clinical emergency indicator describes whether the treatment required for the patient is clinically assessed as an emergency.

**Representational attributes**

**Representation class:** Percentile

**Data type:** Real

**Unit of measure:** Day

**Format:** D[D(2)]

**Data source attributes**

**Data sources:****Data Source**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database \(NRWTD\)](#)

**Frequency**

Annual

**Quality statement**

[National Radiotherapy Waiting Times Database, 2018–19: Quality Statement](#)

**Data custodian**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement

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

**Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Final.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare