

Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Clinical urgency
METEOR identifier:	598034
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 05/02/2021
Definition:	A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective surgery , as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency
METEOR identifier:	598030
Registration status:	Health , Standard 12/06/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 01/12/2016
Definition:	A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective surgery .
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).
Object class:	Elective surgery waiting list episode
Property:	Clinical urgency

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee
Reference documents:	AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2013. National definitions for elective surgery urgency categories: proposal for the Standing Council on Health. Cat. no. HSE 138. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 30 July 2015. http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129543979

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Clinical urgency code N
METEOR identifier:	598026
Registration status:	Health , Standard 12/06/2015
Definition:	A code set representing the clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires a procedure.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Procedures that are clinically indicated within 30 days
	2	Procedures that are clinically indicated within 90 days
	3	Procedures that are clinically indicated within 365 days

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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Patients who require an elective procedure should be assigned an urgency category by the treating clinician. The urgency category should be: • appropriate to the patient and their clinical situation • not influenced by the availability of hospital or surgeon resources.
Comments:	The treating clinician is the clinician with responsibility for the patient at the time of urgency categorisation. The clinical situation of the patient is taken to encompass the patient's medical condition and the patient's life circumstances, including issues related to activity limitations, restrictions in participation in employment and other life situations, carer responsibilities and access to carer and other supports. A patient's classification may change if he or she undergoes clinical review during the waiting period. The need for clinical review varies with the patient's condition and is therefore at the discretion of the treating clinician. The waiting list information system should be able to record dates when the classification is changed (metadata item Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY).

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Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

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[Health](#), Standard 05/02/2021

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[Health](#), Standard 05/02/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 28/03/2023

See also [Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDDMMYYYY](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 28/03/2023

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[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 16/06/2020

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[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

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[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2015-16](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2016-17](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2015-16](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 01/06/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2016-17](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

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[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

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[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

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Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
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Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2019](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2021

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Standard 13/10/2021

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2019](#)

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[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2020](#)

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[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2018](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2019](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](#)

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[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021