

National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2015

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	Patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery.
METEOR identifier:	602986
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Description:	The percentage of patients who received their elective surgery and waited longer than one year (365 days) for their surgery.
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 percentage of patients who received their [elective surgery](#) and waited longer than one year (365 days) for their surgery.

Waiting times are calculated 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.

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

Results are not shown if the number of surgeries is fewer than 10.

Data are sourced from [National Elective Surgery Waiting Time Data Collection](#).

Computation: $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

Numerator: Number of patients who received their [elective surgery](#) at the hospital and waited longer than one year (365 days) for their 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 2013-15](#)

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 2013-15](#)

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 2013-15](#)

Denominator:

Number of patients who received their **elective surgery** at the hospital in the period

Denominator 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 2013-15](#)

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 2013-15](#)

Disaggregation:

Selected surgical specialties and indicator procedures

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty \(of scheduled doctor\), code NN](#)

Data Source

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

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2013-15](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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 \(census data\) NMDS 2013-15](#)

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN][.N]

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 Authority, Performance and Accountability Framework

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health Welfare

Other issues caveats: Waiting time is calculated by states and territories by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was not ready for care and/or waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.

Release date: 09/04/2015

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Performance Authority

Origin: Hospital Performance

Reference documents: National Health Performance Authority - Performance and Accountability Framework

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2014](#)
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016