National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2015

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2015
METEOR identifier:	603039
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016
Description:	The percentage of patients who received their surgery within the clinically recommended time.
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 surgery within the clinically recommended time.

Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:

- Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory or
- 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 recorded when they were removed from the list.

Exclusions

The calculation of waiting time excludes:

1. All days the patient was waiting with a less urgent 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:
    - 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 surgery
    - Declined surgery.

Data suppression

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

If one or more quarter is suppressed then the next smallest quarter will be suppressed; annual totals are reported including all suppressed values.

Annual data are sourced from National Elective Surgery Waiting Time Data Collection and quarterly data from National Elective Surgery Target Data Collection.

Computation: 100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)

Numerator: Number of patients who received elective surgery within the clinically recommended time.

Numerator data elements:

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 elective surgery.

Denominator data elements:

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: Hospital and elective surgery **urgency category**

Disaggregation 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—clinical urgency, code N

Data Source

National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection

NMDS / DSS

Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2013-15

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Percentage
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Service contact
Format:	NN.N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions:	PAF-Equity 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. There are inconsistencies in application of urgency categories between and within states and territories which impact on the comparability of results.

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 received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2014 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016