

Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
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Definition:	The type of elective hospital care that a patient requires, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 9th edition						
Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	N						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Elective surgery</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Other</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Elective surgery	2	Other
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1	Elective surgery						
2	Other						

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Elective surgery comprises elective care where the procedures required by patients are listed in the surgical operations section of the Medicare Benefits Schedule, with the exclusion of specific procedures frequently done by non-surgical clinicians.

CODE 1 Elective surgery

All **elective surgery**, that is excluding procedures listed in the exclusion list for Code 2 below, should be included in this code.

CODE 2 Other

Patients awaiting the following procedures should be classified as Code 2 - Other:

- biopsy of:
 - kidney (needle only)
 - lung (needle only)
 - liver and gall bladder (needle only)
- bronchoscopy (including fibre-optic bronchoscopy)
- cosmetic surgery not attracting a Medicare rebate
- dental procedures not attracting a Medicare rebate
- endoscopy of:
 - biliary tract and pancreas
 - oesophagus
 - large intestine, rectum and anus
- endovascular interventional procedures
- in vitro fertilisation
- miscellaneous cardiac procedures
- miscellaneous lower urinary tract procedures
- obstetrics
- organ or tissue transplant
- panendoscopy (except when involving the bladder)
- peritoneal and renal dialysis
- procedures associated with obstetrics (e.g. elective caesarean section, cervical suture)
- other diagnostic and non-surgical procedures.

These procedure terms are also defined by the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) codes which are listed in the Comments field below. This coded list is the recommended, but optional, method for determining whether a patient is classified as requiring elective surgery or other care.

Comments:

The table of Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) procedure codes was originally prepared by the National Centre for Classification in Health. Some codes were excluded from the list on the basis that they are usually performed by non-surgeon clinicians. A more extensive and detailed listing of procedure descriptors is under development. This will replace the list in the Guide for use to more readily facilitate the identification of the exclusions when the list of codes is not used.

ACHI codes for the excluded procedures:

Biopsy (needle) of:

- kidney: 36561-00 [1047]
- lung: 38418-08 [550]
- liver and gall bladder: 30409-00 [953] 30412-00 [953]
90319-01 [951] 30094-04 [964]

Bronchoscopy (including fibre-optic bronchoscopy):

- 41889-05 [543] 41898-04 [544] 41904-00 [546]
- 41764-02 [416] 41895-02 [544] 41764-04 [532]
- 90163-01 [545] 41898-01 [544] 41849-00 [520]
- 41764-03 [520] 41855-00 [520]

Dental procedures not attracting a Medicare rebate:

Blocks [450] to [490]

- 97022-00 [451] 97025-00 [451] 97113-00 [453]
- 97121-01 [454] 97123-01 [454] 97165-01 [455]
- 97221-00 [456] 97222-00 [456] 97231-00 [456]
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97825-00 [479]

Endoscopy of biliary tract and pancreas:

30484-00 [957] 30484-01 [957] 30484-02 [974]
30494-00 [971] 30452-00 [971] 30491-00 [958]
30491-02 [975] 30485-00 [963] 30485-01 [963]
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Endoscopy of oesophagus:

30473-03 [850] 30473-04 [861] 41822-00 [861]
30478-22 [856] 41819-00 [862] 30478-10 [852]
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Endoscopy of large intestine, rectum and anus:

32075-00 [904] 32090-00 [905] 32084-00 [905]
30479-02 [908] 90308-00 [908] 32075-01 [910]
32078-00 [910] 32081-00 [910] 32090-01 [911]
32093-00 [911] 32084-01 [911] 32087-00 [911]
30479-01 [931] 90315-00 [933]

Endovascular interventional procedures:

38300-01 [670] 38303-00 [670] 38300-00 [670]
38303-01 [670] 38306-00 [671] 38306-01 [671]
38306-03 [671] 38306-04 [671] 38306-02 [671]
38306-05 [671] 34524-00 [694] 13303-00 [694]
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In vitro fertilisation:

13209-00 [1297] 13206-00 [1297] 13200-00 [1297]
13203-00 [1297] 13212-00 [1297] 13212-01 [1297]
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Miscellaneous cardiac procedures:

38603-00 [642] 38600-00 [642] 38256-00 [647]
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38654-02 [654] 38456-26 [654] 38456-27 [654]
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38287-01 [601] 38287-02 [601] 38213-00 [665]

Miscellaneous lower urinary tract procedures:
36800-00 [1090] 36800-01 [1090] 37011-00 [1093]
37008-01 [1093] 37008-00 [1093] 37315-00 [1112]
37318-01 [1116] 36815-01 [1116] 37854-00 [1116]
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Obstetric:
Blocks [1330] to [1345] and [1347]
90463-01 [1330] 90488-00 [1330]

Organ or tissue transplant:
90172-00 [555] 90172-01 [555] 90204-00 [659]
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14203-01 [1906]

Panendoscopy:
30476-03 [874] 32095-00 [891] 30568-00 [893]
30569-00 [894] 30473-05 [1005] 30473-00 [1005]
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Peritoneal and renal dialysis:
13100-06 [1061] 13100-07 [1061] 13100-08 [1061]
13100-00 [1060]

Procedures associated with obstetrics:
16511-00 [1274]

Other diagnostic and non-surgical procedures:
90347-01 [983] 30406-00 [983] 90347-02 [983]
30408-00 [983]
Blocks [1820] to [1939], [1940] to [2016]
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Source and reference attributes

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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: This data element is necessary for determining whether patients are in scope for both the [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2015-](#) and the [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2015-](#) but is not explicitly included in either NMDS.

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

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- [Health](#), Standard 14/10/2021

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

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- [Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

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

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2016-17](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

See also [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2016-17](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

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

See also [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2018-19](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 03/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

See also [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

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

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- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021