

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Surgical specialty
METEOR identifier:	605195
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor)
Value Domain:	Elective surgery code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	01	Cardio-thoracic surgery
	02	Otolaryngology head and neck surgery
	03	General surgery
	04	Gynaecology surgery
	05	Neurosurgery
	06	Ophthalmology surgery
	07	Orthopaedic surgery
	08	Plastic and reconstructive surgery
	09	Urological surgery
	10	Vascular surgery
	11	Other
	12	Paediatric surgery

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The purpose of this data element is to capture the surgical specialty of the surgeon who will perform the procedure, rather than the type of patient or the nature of the surgery to be performed.

CODE 11 Other

All other surgical specialties not otherwise listed.

Comments: The above surgical categories are consistent with the specialties recognised by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (available at <http://www.surgeons.org/surgical-specialties/>), and as included in the National Elective Surgery Urgency Categorisation Guideline-April 2015 (the Guideline). The Guideline can be accessed using the link in Reference documents.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: COAG Health Council 2015. National Elective Surgery Urgency Categorisation Guideline - April 2015. Viewed 28 October 2015, <http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Publications/Reports/ArtMID/514/ArticleID/57/National-Elective-Surgery-Urgency-Categorisation-Guideline-April-2015>

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee

Relational attributes

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

[Health](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty of scheduled doctor, code NN](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [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 2016-17](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2017-18](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

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

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Disaggregation

[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 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/10/2021