Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2016-17

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 623795

Registration status: Health, Superseded 05/10/2016

DSS type: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope: The scope of this national minimum data set (NMDS) is patients on, or removed from, elective surgery waiting lists, as defined in the Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N data element (also known as 'waiting list category'), which are managed by public acute hospitals. This will include private patients treated in public hospitals, and may include public patients treated in private hospitals.

From 2016-17 onwards, this NMDS amalgamates the previously separate Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS and Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS.

Data are collected for patients on elective surgery waiting lists who are yet to be admitted to hospital and for patients who have been removed from an elective surgery waiting list (for admission or another reason).

Patients are included regardless of their readiness for care, as defined in the Elective surgery waiting list episode—patient listing status, readiness for surgery code N data element.

Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the 'waiting list category' data element), but this is not part of the NMDS.

Patients on, or removed from, elective surgery waiting lists managed by hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external territories are not included.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: 1. Patients on waiting lists on census dates.

2. Patients removed from waiting lists (for admission or other reason) during each financial year.

Collection methods: Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY is not required for reporting to the NMDS, but is necessary for the derivation of both Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at a census date), total days N[NNN] and Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN].

Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N is not required for reporting to the NMDS, but is necessary for determining whether patients are in scope for the NMDS. These data elements should be collected at the local level and reported to state and territory health authorities as required.

National reporting arrangements

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected (all data are nationally collated on an annual basis):

1. Census data - Census dates are 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June.
2. Removals data - Financial years ending 30 June.

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Comments: There are two different types of data collected for this NMDS (census data and removals data) and the scope and list of data elements associated with each is different.

For the purposes of this NMDS, public hospitals include hospitals which are set up to provide services for public patients (as public hospitals do), but which are managed privately.

The inclusion of public patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists managed by private hospitals will be investigated in the future.

Note that the Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS and Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS have been amalgamated into the Elective surgery waiting times NMDS from 2016-17 onwards. As a result, a number of data elements have been assigned a 'Conditional' status, indicating that the data element is not supplied in all circumstances.

For those data elements with a 'Conditional' status, the table below shows the origin of the data elements and the Conditional information obligation in the Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2016–17.

Data element	Original NMDS	Conditional obligation information in the Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2016-17
Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N	Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS	Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.
Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting list removal date, DDMMYYYY	Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS	Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.
Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]	Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS	Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.
Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at a census date), total days N[NNN]	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS	Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.
Elective surgery waiting list episode—patient listing status, readiness for surgery code N	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS	Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.
Hospital census (of elective surgery waitlist patients)—census date, DDMMYYYY	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS	Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.

Glossary items

Glossary terms that are relevant to this NMDS are included here:

Clinical review

Elective surgery

Emergency surgery

Other surgery

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2016-17
Health, Superseded 29/06/2016

Supersedes Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2016-17
Health, Superseded 29/06/2016

Has been superseded by Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2017-18
Health, Superseded 25/01/2018

See also Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY
Health, Superseded 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 28/03/2023

See also Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N
Health, Superseded 14/10/2021

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—patient listing status, readiness for surgery code N ***Conditional obligation:*** Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.	Conditional	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N ***Conditional obligation:*** Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.	Conditional	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting list removal date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation: Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list. ***DSS specific information:*** Right justified and zero filled Removal date ≥ date of birth Removal date ≥ listing date for care		
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at a census date), total days N[NNN]	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation: Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.		
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation: Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.		
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Hospital census (of elective surgery waitlist patients)—census date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
	Conditional obligation: Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.		
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1