

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2018

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2018
METEOR identifier:	658493
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 19/06/2019
Description:	The percentage of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time, by urgency category.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2018) Health , Superseded 16/06/2019
Outcome area:	Hospital and Related Care National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 Health , Standard 07/07/2010

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Elective surgery as defined in the Elective Surgery Waiting Times National Minimum Data Set (NMDS).</p> <p>Waiting time is as defined in Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list. Calculated by jurisdictions by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal, and excluding days where the patient was not ready for care.</p> <p>Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory</i>2. <i>Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory</i> <p>For the purposes of reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category they were when treated. When a patient's urgency category changes, existing NMDS business rules will apply.</p> <p>Analysis by state and territory based on location of service.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p>
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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 NMDS 2016-17](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time \(at removal\), total days N\[NNN\]](#)

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Number of patients who received elective surgery.

Disaggregation:

State and territory, by:

- clinical urgency,
- Indigenous status.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N](#)

Data Source

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NMDS / DSS

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

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

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Comments:

NO DATA FOR 2018 REPORTING.

The scope of the indicator is all hospitals reporting to the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection. It includes episode-level data on patients added to or removed from waiting lists for elective surgery which are managed by public hospitals.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

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 Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator.

Source and reference attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2018](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2017](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2019](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32–Patient satisfaction/experience, 2018](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019