

# Elective surgery waiting times cluster

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 684589

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** The scope of the Elective surgery waiting times data element cluster is patients on elective surgery waiting lists managed by public acute hospitals, in either category 1 or 2 of the [Reason for removals from elective surgery waiting list](#) data element.

This will include private patients treated in public hospitals, and may include public patients treated in private hospitals.

Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the [Elective care type](#) data element), but this is not part of the Elective surgery waiting times National minimum data set.

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

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Outsourced or contracted patients:

Public hospitals managing elective surgery waiting lists may either outsource elective surgery work to another hospital (public or private) or contract another hospital (public or private) to provide elective surgery on their behalf.

In such cases, the hospital where the outsourced or contracted elective surgery occurs is required to include the [Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#) data element for the hospital managing the elective surgery waiting list as part of the Elective surgery waiting times data cluster.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

## Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2018-19ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018  
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

### **Conditional obligation:**

This data element cluster is to be reported for patients on waiting lists for elective surgery, which are managed by public acute hospitals and have a category 1 or 2 assigned for the reason for removal from the elective surgery waiting list.

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN</a>	Conditional	1