

Elective surgery waiting times cluster

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

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Registration status: [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018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: Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Admitted patient care NMDs 2018-19](#)
[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

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—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

This is the establishment identifier of the contracting hospital and is reported for contracted patients only.