

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 of scheduled doctor
METEOR identifier:	689726
Registration status:	Health , Standard 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:	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, and as included in the National Elective Surgery Urgency Categorisation Guideline (COAG Health Council 2015) (the Guideline).

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 5 September 2019, <http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Portals/0/National%20Elective%20Surgery%20Categorisation%20-%20Guideline%20-%20April%202015.pdf>

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 2015. Surgical specialties. Viewed 28 October 2015, <http://www.surgeons.org/surgical-specialties/>

Data element attributes

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.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty \(of scheduled doctor\), code NN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health, Superseded 18/12/2019
	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health, Superseded 05/02/2021
	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health, Superseded 20/10/2022
	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health, Standard 20/10/2022
	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health, Recorded 26/04/2024
	Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20 Health, Superseded 18/12/2019
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2019 Implementation end date: 30/06/2020
	Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2020–21 Health, Superseded 05/02/2021
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2020 Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
	Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021–22 Health, Superseded 17/12/2021
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2021 Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
	Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022–23 Health, Superseded 09/12/2022
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2022 Implementation end date: 30/06/2023
	Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2023–24 Health, Superseded 06/12/2023
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2023 Implementation end date: 30/06/2024
	Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2024–25 Health, Standard 06/12/2023
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2024 Implementation end date: 30/06/2025
Implementation in Indicators:	Used as Disaggregation
	Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2024 Health, Qualified 02/07/2024
	Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 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, 2024 Health, Qualified 02/07/2024