

# Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty of scheduled doctor, code NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Surgical specialty of scheduled doctor
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	689726
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 12/12/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the <a href="#">elective surgery</a> , as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty of scheduled doctor</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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<b>Data type:</b>	String																										
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### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 11 Other  All other surgical specialties not otherwise listed.
<b>Comments:</b>	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

**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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018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[Elective surgery waiting times clusterHealth](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

[Elective surgery waiting times clusterHealth](#), Standard 05/02/2021

[Elective surgery waiting times clusterHealth](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[Elective surgery waiting times clusterHealth](#), Qualified 01/07/2022

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[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021–22Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022–23Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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