

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b—Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2019

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, 2019
METEOR identifier:	698900
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 13/03/2020
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Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2019) Health , Superseded 13/03/2020
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 Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at removal), total days N[NNN]. 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 2017-18](#)

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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\[NNN\]](#)

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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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[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2017-18](#)

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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 2019 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
	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, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 13/03/2020 Supersedes National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 19/06/2019 Has been superseded by National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 13/03/2020 See also National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32–Patient satisfaction/experience, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 13/03/2020
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