

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b—Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2021

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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, 2021
METEOR identifier:	725787
Registration status:	Health , Standard 16/09/2020
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 (2021) Health , Standard 19/11/2020
Outcome area:	Hospital and Related Care Health , Standard 07/07/2010 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016

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. Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory.2. Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory. <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, the patient's waiting time at removal is calculated as per the Guide for use for Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN].</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**

[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 2019–20](#)

Guide for use

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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Denominator:

Number of patients who received elective surgery.

Denominator data elements:**Data Element / Data Set**

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Disaggregation:

State and territory, by:

- clinical urgency,
- Indigenous status.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

[Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

Guide for use

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

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Comments:

NO DATA FOR 2021 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](#)

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.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](#)
[Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](#)
[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2019](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2021

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2019](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2021

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2019](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 13/10/2021

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2021](#)
[Health](#), Standard 16/09/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 32–Patient satisfaction/experience, 2021](#)
[Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020