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:	**Elective surgery** as defined in the Elective Surgery Waiting Times National Minimum Data Set (NMDS). 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. Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was: 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. 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]. Analysis by state and territory based on location of service. Presented as a percentage.
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ 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]

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

Denominator:

Number of patients who received elective surgery.

Denominator 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

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

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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

Guide for use

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