# Elective surgery waiting times cluster

## Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

# Elective surgery waiting times cluster

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 732427

**Registration status:** Health, Superseded 20/10/2022

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** The scope of the Elective surgery waiting times data element cluster is patients on elective surgery waiting lists managed by public acute hospitals, in either category 1 or 2 of the Reason for removals from elective surgery waiting list data element.

This will include private patients treated in public hospitals, and may include public patients treated in private hospitals.

Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the Elective care type data element), but this is not part of the Elective surgery waiting times National minimum data set.

Patients on waiting lists managed by hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external territories are not currently included.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Outsourced or contracted patients:

Public hospitals managing elective surgery waiting lists may either outsource elective surgery work to another hospital (public or private) or contract another hospital (public or private) to provide elective surgery on their behalf.

In such cases, the hospital where the outsourced or contracted elective surgery occurs is required to include the Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN data element for the hospital managing the elective surgery waiting list as part of the Elective surgery waiting times data cluster.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes Elective surgery waiting times cluster
Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

Has been superseded by Elective surgery waiting times cluster
Health, Standard 20/10/2022

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22
Health, Superseded 20/10/2021
***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021
***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022
***Conditional obligation:***

This data element cluster is to be reported for patients on waiting lists for elective surgery, which are managed by public acute hospitals and have a category 1 or 2 assigned for the reason for removal from the elective surgery waiting list.

***DSS specific information:***

Establishment sector component of organisation identifier to be reported as:

1. Public (excluding psychiatric hospitals)
2. Private (excluding free-standing day hospital facilities)
3. Public psychiatric
4. Private free-standing day hospital facility

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

| Seq No. | Metadata item | Obligation | Max occurs |
|---|---|---|---|
| - | Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Elective surgery waiting list episode—intended procedure, code NNN | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty of scheduled doctor, code NN | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN] | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN | Conditional | 1 |

***Conditional obligation:***

This is the establishment identifier of the contracting hospital and is reported for contracted patients only.

***DSS specific information:***

Establishment sector component of organisation identifier to be reported as:

1. Public (excluding psychiatric hospitals)
2. Private (excluding free-standing day hospital facilities)
3. Public psychiatric
4. Private free-standing day hospital facility