

Elective surgery waiting times cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 732427

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Standard 05/02/2021

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Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 01/07/2022

Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021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

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Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

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