

# Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Waiting list category
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	732440
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 14/10/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of elective hospital care that a patient requires, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Elective care type code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 11th edition</a>	
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Elective surgery
	2	Other

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Elective surgery**

Elective surgery refers to procedures listed in Category 3 – Therapeutic Procedures Group: T8 – Surgical Operations of the Medicare Benefits Schedule that are performed by surgical clinicians and can be managed through a waiting list process.

**CODE 2 Other**

Other refers to procedures listed in Category 3 – Therapeutic Procedures Group: T8 – Surgical Operations of the Medicare Benefits Schedule:

1. that are performed by either surgical or non-surgical clinicians, but more frequently performed by non-surgical clinicians; or
2. or where the waiting period for patients awaiting transplant or obstetric procedures is largely independent of system resource factors.

Code 2 (Other) includes the following:

- biopsy (closed) (needle) of:
  - kidney
  - lung and pleura
  - liver and gall bladder or bile duct
- cosmetic surgery not attracting a Medicare rebate
- dental procedures not attracting a Medicare rebate
- endoscopy of:
  - biliary tract and pancreas
  - gastrointestinal (including panendoscopy (except when involving the bladder)
  - orthopaedic
  - respiratory/ear, nose and throat (including bronchoscopy, pharyngoscopy, laryngoscopy, tracheoscopy, nasendoscopy and otoscopy)
  - urological/gynaecological
- endovascular interventional procedures
- in vitro fertilisation
- miscellaneous cardiac procedures
- miscellaneous lower urinary tract procedures
- obstetrics and procedures associated with obstetrics (e.g. elective caesarean section, cervical suture)
- organ or tissue procurement and transplant
- peritoneal dialysis, renal dialysis and other interventions for renal dialysis
- other diagnostic and non-surgical procedures (e.g. chemotherapy).

These procedure terms are also defined by the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) codes which are listed in the Comments field below. This coded list is the recommended, but optional, method for determining whether a patient is classified as requiring elective surgery or other care.

**Comments:**

The table of ACHI procedure codes was originally prepared by the National Centre for Classification in Health. A review of this data element was conducted in 2021 and procedure codes were added to some sections to make them more complete (e.g. organ transplant). Other procedures and categories were added as they are listed in the Tier 2 non-admitted services definitions manual sourced from the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority within the 10 series - Procedure Classes category. These procedures can be claimed by hospitals on an outpatient/non-admitted basis. In jurisdictions which have a dedicated outpatient/non-admitted clinic to perform the procedures, a formal admission process is not required for procedures such as angioplasty, panendoscopy, colonoscopy.

**ACHI codes for Code 2 (Other) procedures:****Biopsy (closed) (needle) of:****• kidney:**

Block [1047]: Biopsy of kidney  
36561-00 [1047]

**• lung or pleura:**

Block [550]: Biopsy of lung or pleura  
38418-05 [550] 38418-06 [550] 38418-07 [550]  
38418-08 [550]

• **liver, and gall bladder or bile duct:**

Block [951]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on liver  
90319-01 [951]

Block [953]: Excision procedures on liver  
30409-00 [953]

Block [964]: Biopsy of gallbladder, bile ducts or sphincter of Oddi  
30094-04 [964]

**Dental procedures not attracting a Medicare rebate:**

Chapter 6: Dental Services (Blocks 450 to 490)

**Endoscopy of biliary tract and pancreas:**

Block [957]: Examination of gall bladder or biliary tract  
30484-00 [957] 30484-01 [957]

Block [958]: Stenting of biliary tract  
30452-01 [958] 30491-00 [958]

Block [959]: Endoscopic and percutaneous removal of calculus  
30450-00 [959] 30452-02 [959]

Block [963]: Incision of gallbladder, biliary tract or sphincter of Oddi  
30485-00 [963] 30485-01 [963]

Block [971]: Other repair of sphincter of Oddi, gallbladder or biliary tract  
30494-00 [971] 30452-00 [971]

Block: [974]: Examination of pancreas  
30484-02 [974]

Block [975]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on pancreas  
90349-00 [975]

**Endoscopy – Gastrointestinal (including oesophagoscopy, gastroscopy, colonoscopy, duodenoscopy and sigmoidoscopy and panendoscopy):**

Block [850]: Oesophagoscopy  
41816-00 [850] 30473-03 [850]

Block [852]: Removal of foreign body of oesophagus  
41825-00 [852] 30478-10 [852]

Block [853]: Other application, insertion or removal procedures on oesophagus  
30490-00 [853]

Block [856]: Destruction procedures on oesophagus  
30478-22 [856]

Block [861]: Other excision procedures on oesophagus  
41822-00 [861] 30473-04 [861] 30478-13 [861]

Block [862]: Dilation of oesophagus  
41831-00 [862]

Block [874]: Destruction procedures on stomach  
30476-03 [874]

Block [891]: Exploration of small intestine  
32095-00 [891]

Block [893]: Enterotomy  
30568-00 [893]

Block [894]: Other incision procedures on small intestine  
30569-00 [894]

Block [904]: Rigid sigmoidoscopy  
32075-00 [904]

Block [905]: Fibreoptic colonoscopy  
32084-00 [905] 32090-00 [905]

Block [908]: Destruction procedures on large intestine  
30479-02 [908] 90308-00 [908]

Block [910]: Rigid sigmoidoscopy with excision  
32075-01 [910] 32078-00 [910] 32081-00 [910]

Block [911]: Fibreoptic colonoscopy with excision  
32084-01 [911] 32087-00 [911] 32090-01 [911]  
32093-00 [911]

Block [931]: Destruction procedures on rectum or anus  
30479-01 [931]

Block [933]: Excision of lesion or tissue of rectum or anus  
90315-00 [933]

Block [1005]: Panendoscopy  
11820-00 [1005] 30473-00 [1005] 30473-02 [1005]  
30473-07 [1005] 30473-05 [1005] 30473-08 [1005]  
30680-00 [1005]

Block [1006]: Panendoscopy with removal of foreign body  
30478-00 [1006] 30478-14 [1006]  
Block [1007]: Panendoscopy with destruction  
30478-01 [1007] 30478-02 [1007] 30478-03 [1007]  
30478-15 [1007] 30478-16 [1007] 30478-17 [1007]  
30478-20 [1007] 30478-21 [1007]  
Block [1008]: Panendoscopy with excision  
30473-01 [1008] 30478-04 [1008] 30473-06 [1008]  
30478-18 [1008]

#### **Endoscopy – orthopaedic**

Block [1555] Incision procedures on joint of other musculoskeletal sites  
50100-00 [1555] 50103-00 [1555] 50112-00 [1555]  
90570-00 [1555]  
Block [1560] Biopsy of other musculoskeletal sites  
50100-01 [1560] 50200-00 [1560] 30094-00 [1560]  
30075-01 [1560]

#### **Endoscopy – respiratory/ear, nose and throat (including Bronchoscopy, Tracheoscopy, Laryngoscopy and Pharyngoscopy, Nasendoscopy, Otoscopy):**

Block [300]: Examination procedures on external ear  
90119-00 [300]  
Block [370]: Examination procedures on nose  
41653-00 [370] 41764-00 [370] 41764-01 [370]  
41653-01 [370]  
Block [416]: Examination procedures on pharynx  
41764-02 [416]  
Block [520]: Examination procedures on larynx  
41849-00 [520] 41764-03 [520] 41855-00 [520]  
Only this procedure code for Microlaryngoscopy is listed as Code 2. Other  
Microlaryngoscopy procedure codes listed in block [523] are considered surgical in  
nature and are therefore included in Code 1.  
Block [521]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on larynx  
41870-01 [521] 41905-02 [521] 41905-03 [521]  
41886-01 [521]  
Block [532]: Examination procedures on trachea  
41764-04 [532]  
Block [533]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on trachea  
41905-00 [533] 41905-01 [533] 41886-02 [533]  
Block [534]: Excision procedures on trachea  
41886-00 [534] 90167-00 [534]  
Block [543]: Examination procedures on bronchus  
41889-05 [543] 41889-01 [543]  
Block [544]: Endoscopic biopsy, broncho-alveolar lavage or removal of foreign  
body from bronchus  
41898-04 [544] 41898-01 [544] 41895-02 [544]  
Block [545]: Other excision procedures on bronchus  
90163-01 [545]  
Block [546]: Repair procedures on bronchus  
41904-00 [546]

#### **Endoscopy – urological/gynaecological**

Block [1089]: Examination procedures on bladder  
36812-00 [1089] 36812-01 [1089]  
Block [1259]: Examination procedures on uterus  
35630-00 [1259]  
Block [1279]: Examination procedures on vagina  
35614-00 [1279] 35539-04 [1279]

#### **Endovascular interventional procedures:**

Block [670]: Transluminal coronary angioplasty  
38300-00 [670] 38303-00 [670] 38300-01 [670]  
38303-01 [670]  
Block [671]: Transluminal coronary angioplasty with stenting  
38306-00 [671] 38306-01 [671] 38306-02 [671]  
38306-03 [671] 38306-04 [671] 38306-05 [671]  
Block [694]: Arterial catheterisation  
13303-00 [694] 34524-00 [694] 34521-01 [694]

Block [722]: Injection of varicose veins  
32500-00 [722] 32500-01 [722]  
Block [738]: Venous catheterisation  
13300-01 [738] 13300-02 [738] 13319-00 [738]  
13300-00 [738] 13815-01 [738] 13815-00 [738]  
34521-02 [738] 90220-00 [738] 34530-04 [738]

**In vitro fertilisation:**

Block [1297]: Procedures for reproductive medicine  
13209-00 [1297] 13206-00 [1297] 13200-00 [1297]  
13203-00 [1297] 13212-00 [1297] 13212-01 [1297]  
13215-00 [1297] 13215-01 [1297] 13215-02 [1297]  
13215-03 [1297]

**Miscellaneous cardiac procedures:**

Block [601]: Destruction procedures on atrium  
38287-02 [601] 38290-01 [601] 38287-01 [601]  
Block [642]: Myocardial preservation  
38600-00 [642] 38603-00 [642]  
Block [647]: Insertion of temporary transvenous electrode for cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator  
38256-00 [647] 38256-01 [647]  
Block [648]: Insertion of permanent transvenous electrode for cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator  
38368-00 [648] 38350-00 [648]  
Block [649]: Insertion of other electrode or patch for cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator  
90202-00 [649] 38470-00 [649] 38473-00 [649]  
Block [650]: Insertion of cardiac pacemaker generator  
38353-00 [650]  
Block [654]: Adjustment, replacement or removal of electrode for cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator  
90203-00 [654] 38368-02 [654] 38350-02 [654]  
38358-01 [654] 38358-00 [654]  
Block [655]: Adjustment, replacement or removal of cardiac pacemaker generator  
38353-02 [655]  
Block [663]: Revision procedures on other sites of heart  
90219-00 [663]  
Block [665]: Electrophysiological studies [EPS]  
38213-00 [665] 38212-00 [665] 38209-00 [665]  
Block [667]: Cardiac catheterisation  
38200-00 [667] 38203-00 [667] 38206-00 [667]  
Block [740]: Examination procedures on other vascular sites  
35324-00 [740]  
Block [758]: Peripheral laser angioplasty  
35315-00 [758] 35315-01 [758]

**Miscellaneous lower urinary tract procedures:**

Block [1090]: Urinary catheterisation  
36800-00 [1090] 36800-01 [1090] 36800-03 [1090]  
Block [1093]: Cystotomy  
37011-00 [1093] 37008-01 [1093] 37008-00 [1093]  
Block [1112]: Examination procedures on urethra  
37315-00 [1112]  
Block [1116]: Destruction procedures on urethra  
37318-01 [1116] 36815-01 [1116] 37854-00 [1116]  
35527-00 [1116] 37318-02 [1116] 37318-03 [1116]  
Block [1117]: Biopsy of urethra  
37318-04 [1117]

**Obstetrics and procedures associated with obstetrics:**

Block [1274]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on cervix  
16511-00 [1274]  
Any procedures in Chapter 14 Obstetric Procedures (Blocks 1330 to 1347)

**Organ or tissue procurement and transplant:**

Block [161]: Excision procedures on eyeball  
42506-00 [161]  
Block [173]: Keratoplasty

42659-00 [173] 42653-00 [173]  
 Block [174]: Other repair procedures on cornea  
 90065-00 [174]  
 Block [254]: Excision procedures on conjunctiva  
 42683-00 [254]  
 Block [553]: Pneumectomy  
 38438-03 [553]  
 Block [555]: Transplantation of lung  
 90172-00 [555] 90172-01 [555]  
 Block [659]: Removal of donor heart or lung  
 90204-00 [659] 90204-01 [659]  
 Block [660]: Transplantation of heart or lung  
 90205-00 [660] 90205-01 [660]  
 Block [801]: Other excision procedures on bone marrow  
 13700-00 [801]  
 Block [802]: Bone marrow/stem cell transplantation  
 13706-00 [802] 13706-06 [802] 13706-07 [802]  
 13706-09 [802] 13706-10 [802] 13706-08 [802]  
 Block [953]: Excision procedures on liver  
 96258-01 [953] 96258-02 [953] 96258-03 [953]  
 Block [954]: Repair procedures on liver  
 90317-00 [954]  
 Block [978]: Pancreatectomy  
 30593-00 [978] 30583-00 [978] 30593-01 [978]  
 30584-00 [978]  
 Block [981]: Other repair procedures on pancreas  
 90324-00 [981]  
 Block [1050]: Complete nephrectomy for transplantation  
 36516-04 [1050] 36516-05 [1050] 36516-06 [1050]  
 Block [1058]: Kidney transplantation  
 36503-00 [1058] 36503-01 [1058]  
 Block [1561]: Excision procedures on joint of other musculoskeletal sites  
 90608-01 [1561] 90608-00 [1561] 90574-00 [1561]  
 50104-00 [1561] 90574-01 [1561]  
 Block [1563]: Other excision procedures on bone or other musculoskeletal sites  
 48400-01 [1563] 90572-00 [1563] 47933-02 [1563]  
 47936-00 [1563] 90573-00 [1563] 30241-00 [1563]  
 50230-00 [1563] 50203-00 [1563] 50206-00 [1563]  
 47726-00 [1563] 47732-00 [1563]  
 Block [1891]: Therapeutic collection and processing of blood/bone marrow  
 13709-00 [1891] 13760-00 [1891]  
 Block [1892]: Apheresis  
 13755-00 [1892] 13750-00 [1892] 13750-01 [1892]  
 13750-02 [1892] 13750-03 [1892] 13750-04 [1892]  
 13750-05 [1892] 13750-06 [1892]  
 Block [1893]: Administration of blood and blood products  
 13706-01 [1893] 13706-02 [1893] 13706-03 [1893]  
 13706-04 [1893] 13706-05 [1893] 92060-00 [1893]  
 92061-00 [1893] 92062-00 [1893] 92063-00 [1893]  
 92064-00 [1893] 92206-00 [1893] 13306-00 [1893]  
 Block [1906]: Implantation of hormone or living tissue  
 14203-00 [1906] 14203-01 [1906] 14206-00 [1906]  
 14206-01 [1906]

**Peritoneal dialysis, renal dialysis and other interventions for renal dialysis:**

Block [1060]: Haemodialysis  
 13100-00 [1060] 13100-01 [1060] 13100-02 [1060]  
 13100-03 [1060] 13100-04 [1060] 13100-05 [1060]  
 Block [1061]: Peritoneal dialysis  
 13100-06 [1061] 13100-07 [1061] 13100-08 [1061]  
 Block [1063]: Other interventions for renal dialysis  
 13104-00 [1063] 90353-00 [1063] 90353-01 [1063]

**Other diagnostic and non-surgical procedures:**

Block [983]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on abdomen, peritoneum  
 or omentum  
 90347-01 [983] 30406-00 [983] 90347-02 [983]  
 30408-00 [983]  
 Chapter 19: Interventions not elsewhere classified - Any procedure in (Blocks 1820

## Source and reference attributes

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

**Reference documents:** Australian Consortium for Classification Development (ACCD) 2019. The Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) – Eleventh Edition - Tabular list of interventions and Alphabetic index of interventions. Adelaide: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Lane Publishing.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** This data element is necessary for determining whether patients are in scope for the *Elective surgery waiting times NMDS*, but is not explicitly included in that NMDS.

## Source and reference attributes

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

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N Health](#), Superseded 14/10/2021

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See also [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2024–25 Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023