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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Waiting list category |
| METEOR identifier: | 732440 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/10/2021 |
| Definition: | The type of elective hospital care that a patient requires, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269432) |
| Value Domain: | [Elective care type code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/735615) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 11th edition](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699613) |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Elective surgery |
|   | 2  | Other  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Elective surgeryElective 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   OtherOther 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 kidney36561-00 [1047]• **lung or pleura:**Block [550]: Biopsy of lung or pleura38418-05 [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 liver90319-01 [951]Block [953]: Excision procedures on liver30409-00 [953]Block [964]: Biopsy of gallbladder, bile ducts or sphincter of Oddi30094-04 [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 tract30484-00 [957] 30484-01 [957]Block [958]: Stenting of biliary tract30452-01 [958] 30491-00 [958]Block [959]: Endoscopic and percutaneous removal of calculus30450-00 [959] 30452-02 [959]Block [963]: Incision of gallbladder, biliary tract or sphincter of Oddi30485-00 [963] 30485-01 [963]Block [971]: Other repair of sphincter of Oddi, gallbladder or biliary tract30494-00 [971] 30452-00 [971]Block: [974]: Examination of pancreas30484-02 [974]Block [975]: Application, insertion or removal procedures on pancreas90349-00 [975]**Endoscopy – Gastrointestinal (including oesophagoscopy, gastroscopy, colonoscopy, duodenoscopy and sigmoidoscopy and panendoscopy):**Block [850]: Oesophagoscopy41816-00 [850] 30473-03 [850]Block [852]: Removal of foreign body of oesophagus41825-00 [852] 30478-10 [852]Block [853]: Other application, insertion or removal procedures on oesophagus30490-00 [853]Block [856]: Destruction procedures on oesophagus30478-22 [856]Block [861]: Other excision procedures on oesophagus41822-00 [861] 30473-04 [861] 30478-13 [861]Block [862]: Dilation of oesophagus41831-00 [862]Block [874]: Destruction procedures on stomach30476-03 [874]Block [891]: Exploration of small intestine32095-00 [891]Block [893]: Enterotomy30568-00 [893]Block [894]: Other incision procedures on small intestine30569-00 [894]Block [904]: Rigid sigmoidoscopy32075-00 [904]Block [905]: Fibreoptic colonoscopy32084-00 [905] 32090-00 [905]Block [908]: Destruction procedures on large intestine30479-02 [908] 90308-00 [908]Block [910]: Rigid sigmoidoscopy with excision32075-01 [910] 32078-00 [910] 32081-00 [910]Block [911]: Fibreoptic colonoscopy with excision32084-01 [911] 32087-00 [911] 32090-01 [911]32093-00 [911]Block [931]: Destruction procedures on rectum or anus30479-01 [931]Block [933]: Excision of lesion or tissue of rectum or anus90315-00 [933]Block [1005]: Panendoscopy11820-00 [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 body30478-00 [1006] 30478-14 [1006]Block [1007]: Panendoscopy with destruction30478-01 [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 excision30473-01 [1008] 30478-04 [1008] 30473-06 [1008]30478-18 [1008]**Endoscopy – orthopaedic**Block [1555] Incision procedures on joint of other musculoskeletal sites50100-00 [1555] 50103-00 [1555] 50112-00 [1555]90570-00 [1555]Block [1560] Biopsy of other musculoskeletal sites50100-01 [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 ear90119-00 [300]Block [370]: Examination procedures on nose41653-00 [370] 41764-00 [370] 41764-01 [370]41653-01 [370]Block [416]: Examination procedures on pharynx41764-02 [416]Block [520]: Examination procedures on larynx41849-00 [520] 41764-03 [520] 41855-00 [520]Only this procedure code for Microlaryngoscopy is listed as Code 2. 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| 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. |

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