Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at a census date, total days N[NNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Waiting time at a census date
METEOR identifier:	732468
Registration status:	Health, Standard 05/02/2021 Tasmanian Health, Standard 28/03/2023
Definition:	The time elapsed (in days) for a patient on the elective surgery waiting list from the date they were added to the waiting list to a designated census date.
Context:	**Elective surgery**

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at a census date
METEOR identifier:	689760
Registration status:	Health, Standard 12/12/2018
Definition:	The time elapsed for a patient waiting for elective surgery from the date they were added to the waiting list for the procedure and a designated census date.
Object class:	Elective surgery waiting list episode
Property:	Waiting time at a census date

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Total days N[NNN]
METEOR identifier:	270631
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005 Housing assistance, Standard 01/05/2013 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health, Standard 02/12/2016
Definition:	Total number of days.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNN]
Maximum character length:	4
Unit of measure:	Day

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The number of days is calculated by subtracting the Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY from the Hospital census (of elective surgery waitlist patients)—census date, DDMMYYYY, minus any days when the patient was 'not ready for surgery', and also minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at the census date.

Days when the patient was not ready for surgery is calculated by subtracting the date(s) the person was recorded as 'not ready for surgery' from the date(s) the person was subsequently recorded as again being 'ready for surgery'.

If, at any time since being added to the waiting list for the elective surgical procedure, the patient has had a less urgent clinical urgency category than the category at the census date, then the number of days waited at the less urgent Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N category should be subtracted from the total number of days waited.

In cases where there has been only one category reassignment (i.e. to the more urgent category attached to the patient at census date) the number of days at the less urgent clinical urgency category should be calculated by subtracting the Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY from the Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY. If the patient's clinical urgency was reclassified more than once, days spent in each period of less urgent clinical urgency than the one applying at removal should be calculated by subtracting one category reassignment date from the subsequent category reassignment date, and then adding the days together.

When a patient is admitted from an elective surgery waiting list but the surgery is cancelled and the patient remains on or is placed back on the waiting list within the same hospital, the time waited on the list should continue.

Therefore at the census date the patient's waiting time includes the number of days waited on an elective surgery waiting list, both before and after any cancelled surgery admission. The time waited before the cancelled surgery should be counted as part of the total time waited by the patient.

Comments:

Elective surgery waiting times data collections include measures of waiting times at removal and at designated census dates. This metadata item is used to measure waiting times at a designated census date whereas the metadata item Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN] measures waiting times at removal.

The calculation of waiting times for patients who are transferred from an elective surgery waiting list managed by one public acute hospital to another will be investigated in the future. In this case, the amount of time waited on previous lists should follow the patient to the next. Therefore at the census date, their waiting time includes the total number of days on all lists (less days 'not ready for surgery' and days in lower urgency categories).

This is a critical elective surgery waiting times metadata item. It is used to determine whether patients are overdue. It is used to assist doctors and patients in making decisions about hospital referral, to assist in the planning and management of hospitals and in health care related research.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at a census date, total days N[NNN]
Health, Superseded 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 28/03/2023

Is formed using Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY
Health, Standard 25/01/2018
Tasmanian Health, Standard 16/06/2020

See also Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY
Health, Standard 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 28/03/2023

See also Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY
Health, Standard 25/01/2018
Tasmanian Health, Standard 16/06/2020

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N
Health, Standard 05/02/2021

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N
Health, Standard 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 28/03/2023

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—patient listing status, readiness for surgery code N
Health, Standard 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 28/03/2023

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN]
Health, Standard 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 28/03/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021–22
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2021
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
Conditional obligation:

Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.

Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022–23
Health, Superseded 09/12/2022
Implementation start date: 01/07/2022
Implementation end date: 30/06/2023
Conditional obligation:

Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.

Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2023–24
Health, Superseded 06/12/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2024
Conditional obligation:

Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.

Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2024–25
Health, Standard 06/12/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2024
Implementation end date: 30/06/2025
Conditional obligation:

Only for patients on an elective surgery waiting list at time of census.

Tasmanian Elective Surgery Waiting List Data Set - 2023
Tasmanian Health, Standard 23/11/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2024
Conditional obligation:

If applicable