

Elective surgery waiting times cluster

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 761015

Registration status:

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

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 data element [Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](#).

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 data element [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N](#)), 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](#), Standard 05/02/2021

See also [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 14/10/2021

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 03/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

See also [Establishment—organisation identifier \(Australian\), NNX\[X\]NNNNN](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 08/08/2018
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Candidate 30/07/2015
- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 31/10/2012
- [Indigenous](#), Incomplete 18/10/2012
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016
- [WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2023–24](#)
[Health](#), Qualified 15/09/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

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