

Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Clinical urgency
METEOR identifier:	270008
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 12/06/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective hospital care, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency
METEOR identifier:	269481
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 12/06/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires elective hospital care.
Context:	Elective surgery: Categorisation of waiting list patients by clinical urgency assists hospital management and clinicians in the prioritisation of their workloads. It gives health consumers a reasonable estimate of the maximum time they should expect to wait for care. Clinical urgency classification allows a meaningful measure of system performance to be calculated, namely the number or proportion of patients who wait for times in excess of the maximum desirable time limit for their urgency category (metadata item the overdue patient status).
Object class:	Elective surgery waiting list episode
Property:	Clinical urgency

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Clinical urgency code N
METEOR identifier:	270635
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 12/06/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	A code set representing the clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires hospital admission .

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N

Maximum character length: 1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Admission within 30 days desirable for a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly to the point that it may become an emergency
	2	Admission within 90 days desirable for a condition causing some pain, dysfunction or disability but which is not likely to deteriorate quickly or become an emergency
	3	Admission at some time in the future acceptable for a condition causing minimal or no pain, dysfunction or disability, which is unlikely to deteriorate quickly and which does not have the potential to become an emergency

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The classification employs a system of urgency categorisation based on factors such as the degree of pain, dysfunction and disability caused by the condition and its potential to deteriorate quickly into an emergency. All patients ready for care must be assigned to one of the urgency categories, regardless of how long it is estimated they will need to wait for surgery.

Comments: A patient's classification may change if he or she undergoes [clinical review](#) during the waiting period. The need for clinical review varies with the patient's condition and is therefore at the discretion of the treating clinician. The waiting list information system should be able to record dates when the classification is changed (metadata item Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY).


Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N](#)

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

Is re-engineered from  [Clinical urgency, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (16.4 KB)

No registration status

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 13/12/2011

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012 Health!, Retired 13/12/2011 Implementation start date: 31/03/2012 Implementation end date: 30/06/2012
	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS Health!, Superseded 07/12/2005 Implementation start date: 30/09/2002 Implementation end date: 30/06/2006
	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2006-09 Health!, Superseded 03/12/2008 Implementation start date: 30/09/2006 Implementation end date: 31/03/2009
	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2009-12 Health!, Superseded 13/12/2011 Implementation start date: 30/06/2009 Implementation end date: 30/06/2012
	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2012-13 Health!, Superseded 02/05/2013 Implementation start date: 30/09/2012 Implementation end date: 30/06/2013
	Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2013-15 Health!, Superseded 12/06/2015 Implementation start date: 01/07/2013 Implementation end date: 30/06/2015
	Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012 Health!, Retired 13/12/2011 Implementation start date: 01/01/2012 Implementation end date: 30/06/2012
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	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health!, Superseded 11/04/2014
	Elective surgery waiting times cluster Health!, Superseded 19/11/2015

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2011-12 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Superseded 02/10/2014
National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2012-13 National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of surgeries for malignant cancer, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of surgeries for malignant cancer, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who waited longer than the clinical urgency category time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target \(Part 2\)](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 21/11/2013

Used as Disaggregation

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2014](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2015](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 25/07/2013

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2014](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 28/05/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2014](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2015](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

Used as Denominator

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Superseded 02/10/2014

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days, 2012-13](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of people who waited longer than the clinical urgency category time for surgery for malignant cancer, 2011-12](#)

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target \(Part 2\)](#)

[Health](#), Standard 21/11/2013