Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Surgical specialty |
| METEOR identifier: | 270146 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/11/2015  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269607) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269607 |
| Registration status: | [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery. |
| Context: | Elective surgery:  Many hospitals manage their waiting lists on a specialty basis. Current data shows that the total ready-for-care times waited and numbers of long wait patients vary significantly between specialties. Furthermore, the hospital capacity to handle the demand for elective surgery varies with specialty. |
| Object class: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269007) |
| Property: | [Surgical specialty](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269155) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Elective surgery code NN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270728) |
| METEOR identifier: | 270728 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/11/2015  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | A code set representing types of  [**elective surgery**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327226). |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | NN | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 01 | Cardio-thoracic surgery |
|  | 02 | Ear, nose and throat surgery |
|  | 03 | General surgery |
|  | 04 | Gynaecology |
|  | 05 | Neurosurgery |
|  | 06 | Ophthalmology |
|  | 07 | Orthopaedic surgery |
|  | 08 | Plastic surgery |
|  | 09 | Urology |
|  | 10 | Vascular surgery |
|  | 11 | Other |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | The above classifications are consistent with the Recommended Medical Specialties and Qualifications agreed by the National Specialist Qualification Advisory Committee of Australia, September 1993. Vascular surgery is a subspecialty of general surgery. The Royal Australian College of Surgeons has a training program for vascular surgeons. The specialties listed above refer to the surgical component of these specialties - ear, nose and throat surgery refers to the surgical component of the specialty otolaryngology; gynaecology refers to the gynaecological surgical component of obstetrics and gynaecology; ophthalmology refers to the surgical component of the specialty (patients awaiting argon laser phototherapy are not included). |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group  Waiting Times Working Group |
| Origin: | National Health Data Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/605195)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018  Is re-engineered from  [Surgical specialty, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005 .pdf](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273156)  (15.7 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Elective surgery waiting times (census data) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/470080)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Retired 13/12/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 31/03/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2012  [Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273042)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/335002)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/375331)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/472477)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/520140)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/06/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015  [Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2015-16](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/600059)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/11/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) DSS 1 January 2012-30 June 2012](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/470097)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Retired 13/12/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/01/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2012  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273057)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2005  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2002 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2006  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2006-09](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/335007)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2008  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2006 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2009  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2009-12](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/375336)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 13/12/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2009 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2012  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/472497)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 02/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2013-15](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/520154)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/06/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015  [Elective surgery waiting times (removals data) NMDS 2015-16](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/600056)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/11/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 01/06/2016  [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/464669)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 11/04/2014  [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/545693)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/11/2015 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Disaggregation** [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2011-12](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/527347)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Superseded 28/05/2014  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery 2012-13](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/532942)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2014](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/558302)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Median waiting time for elective surgery, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/603005)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2011-12](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/527374)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Superseded 25/07/2013  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Number of elective surgeries 2012-13](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/532929)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Superseded 28/05/2014  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who waited more than 365 days for elective surgery 2011-12](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/527371)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Superseded 28/05/2014  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Patients who waited more than 365 days for elective surgery 2012-13](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/532932)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2014](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/558296)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority, Hospital Performance: Percentage of patients who waited longer than 365 days for elective surgery, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/602986)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 01/07/2016 |