
Indicator procedure

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000073 Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
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Definition: An indicator procedure is a procedure which is of high volume, and is often associated with long waiting periods.

Context: Waiting list statistics for indicator procedures give a specific indication of performance in particular areas of elective care provision.
It is not always possible to code all elective surgery procedures at the time of addition to the waiting list. Reasons for this include that the surgeon may be uncertain of the exact procedure to be performed, and that the large number of procedures possible and lack of consistent nomenclature would make coding errors likely. Furthermore, the increase in workload for clerical staff may not be acceptable. However, a relatively small number of procedures account for the bulk of the elective surgery workload. Therefore, a list of common procedures with a tendency to long waiting times is useful.
Waiting time statistics by procedure are useful to patients and referring doctors. In addition, waiting time data by procedure assists in planning and resource allocation, audit and performance monitoring.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 2
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: 01 Cataract extraction

02	Cholecystectomy
03	Coronary artery bypass graft
04	Cystoscopy
05	Haemorrhoidectomy
06	Hysterectomy
07	Inguinal herniorrhaphy
08	Myringoplasty
09	Myringotomy
10	Prostatectomy
11	Septoplasty
12	Tonsillectomy
13	Total hip replacement
14	Total knee replacement
15	Varicose veins stripping and ligation
16	Not applicable

Guide For Use: These procedure terms are defined by the ICD-10-AM codes which are listed in comments below. Where a patient is awaiting more than one indicator procedure, all codes should be listed. This is because the intention is to count procedures rather than patients in this instance. These are planned procedures for the waiting list, not what is actually performed during hospitalisation.

Verification Rules: Zero filled, right justified.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Indicator procedure - ICD-9-CM code version 2
 supplements the data element Waiting list category version 3
 is used in conjunction with Procedure version 5

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Current edition of International Classification of Diseases - Tenth Revision - Australian Modification. National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney.

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee.

Comments: The list of indicator procedures may be reviewed from time to time. Some health authorities already code a larger number of waiting list procedures.

The following is a list of ICD-10-AM codes, for the indicator procedures:

Cataract extraction:

42698-00 [195] 42702-00 [195] 42702-01 [195] 42698-01 [196] 42702-02 [196] 42702-03 [196] 42698-02 [197] 42702-04 [197] 42702-05 [197] 42698-03 [198] 42702-06 [198] 42702-07 [198] 42698-04 [199] 42702-08

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Cholecystectomy:

30443-00 [965] 30454-01 [965] 30455-00 [965] 30445-00 [965] 30446-00 [965] 30448-00 [965] 30449-00 [965]

Coronary artery bypass graft:

38497-00 [672] 38497-01 [672] 39497-02 [672] 38497-03 [672] 38497-04 [673] 38497-05 [673] 38497-06 [673] 39497-07 [673] 38500-00 [674] 38503-00 [674] 38500-01 [675] 38503-01 [675] 38500-02 [676] 38503-02 [676] 38500-03 [677] 38503-03 [677] 38500-04 [678] 38503-04 [678] 90201-00 [679] 90201-01 [679] 90201-02 [679] 90201-03 [679]

Cystoscopy:

36812-00 [1088] 36812-01 [1088] 36836-00 [1097]

Haemorrhoidectomy:

32138-00 [949] 32132-00 [949] 32135-00 [949] 32135-01 [949]

Hysterectomy:

35653-00 [1268] 35653-01 [1268] 35653-02 [1268] 35653-03 [1268] 35661-00 [1268] 35670-00 [1268] 35667-00 [1268] 35664-00 [1268] 35657-00 [1269] 35750-00 [1269] 35756-00 [1269] 35673-00 [1269] 35673-01 [1269] 35753-00 [1269] 35753-01 [1269] 35756-01 [1269] 35756-02 [1269] 35667-01 [1269] 35664-01 [1269] 90450-00 [989] 90450-01 [989] 90450-02 [989]

Inguinal herniorrhaphy:

30614-03 [990] 30615-00 [997] 30609-03 [990] 30614-02 [990] 30609-02 [990]

Myringoplasty:

41527-00 [313] 41530-00 [313] 41533-01 [313] 41542-00 [315] 41635-10 [313]

Myringotomy:

41626-00 [309] 31626-01 [309] 41632-00 [309] 41632-01 [309]

Prostatectomy:

37203-00 [1165] 37203-01 [1165] 37203-02 [1165] 37207-00 [1166] 37207-01 [1166] 37200-00 [1166] 37200-01 [1166] 37203-05 [1166] 37203-06 [1166] 37200-03 [1167] 37200-04 [1167] 37209-00 [1167] 37200-05 [1167] 90407-00 [1168] 36839-03 [1162] 36869-01 [1162]

Septoplasty:

41672-02 [379] 41679-03 [379]

Tonsillectomy:

41789-00 [412] 41789-01 [412]

Total hip replacement:

49318-00 [1489] 49319-00 [1489] 49324-00 [1492] 49327-00 [1492] 49330-00 [1492] 49333-00 [1492] 49345-00 [1492]

Total knee replacement:

49518-00 [1518] 49519-00 [1518] 49521-00 [1519] 49521-01 [1519]
49521-02 [1519] 49521-03 [1519] 49524-00 [1519] 49524-01 [1519]
49527-00 [1524] 49530-00 [1523] 49530-01 [1523] 49533-00 [1523]
49554-00 [1523] 49534-00 [1519]
Varicose veins stripping and ligation:
32508-00 [727] 32508-01 [727] 32511-00 [727] 32504-01 [728] 32505-00
[728] 32514-00 [737]

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Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

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