Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
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Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The reason why a patient is removed from the waiting list.

Context: Elective surgery:
Routine admission for the awaited procedure is only one reason why patients are removed from the waiting list. Each reason for removal provides different information. These data are necessary to augment census and throughput data. For example, after an audit the numbers of patients on a list would be expected to reduce. If an audit were undertaken immediately prior to a census the numbers on the list may appear low and not in keeping with the number of additions to the list and patients admitted from the list.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	CODE
Representation layout:	N
Minimum Size:	1
Maximum Size:	1

Data Domain:
1 Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure in this hospital or another hospital
2 Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure in this hospital or another hospital
3 Could not be contacted (includes patients who have died while waiting whether or not the cause of death was related to the condition requiring treatment)

4	Treated elsewhere for awaited procedure, but not as a patient of this hospital's waiting list
5	Surgery not required or declined
6	Transferred to another hospital's waiting list
9	Not known

Guide For Use: Patients undergoing the awaited procedure whilst admitted for another reason are to be coded as code 1.

Code 2 :-identifies patients who were admitted ahead of their normal position in the queue because the condition requiring treatment deteriorated whilst waiting. Admission as an emergency patient could also be due to other causes such as inappropriate urgency rating, delays in the system, or unpredicted biological variation.

Codes 3-5 :-provide an indication of the amount of clerical audit of the waiting lists. Code 4 gives an indication of patients treated other than as a patient of the hospital's waiting list. The awaited procedure may have been performed as an emergency or as an elective procedure.

Code 6 :-identifies patients who were transferred from one hospital's elective surgery waiting list to that of another hospital. The waiting time on the waiting lists at the initial hospital and subsequent hospitals should be combined for national reporting.

Code 9 :-identifies patients removed from the waiting list for reasons unknown.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group
Waiting Times Working Group
National Health Data Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Request for / entry into service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Elective surgery waiting times   From 01-Jul-94 to