

National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target (Part 1)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	National Elective Surgery Target (NEST) Part 1
METEOR identifier:	489650
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 21/11/2013
Description:	The percentage of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time, by urgency category.
Indicator set:	Performance Indicators for the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services Health! , Standard 21/11/2013

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Elective surgery is as defined in the Elective surgery waiting times (removals and census) NMDSSs.</p> <p>Waiting time is as defined in Waiting time at removal from elective surgery waiting list. Calculated by jurisdictions by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days when the patient was 'not ready for care', and also minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.</p> <p>Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>Admitted as elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory</i><i>Admitted as emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory</i> <p>For the purposes of Part 1 indicator reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category they were when treated. When a patient's urgency category changes, existing NMDS business rules will apply.</p> <p>Analysis by state and territory is based on location of service.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p>
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time \(at removal\), total days N\[NNN\]](#)

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Number of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

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Disaggregation:

By state/territory

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Comments:

The scope of the indicator is all hospitals providing data under Schedule A of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA IPHS).

Performance by states and territories for the purposes of the NPA IPHS will be measured against the schedule of improvement agreed in Tables A5-A7 of Schedule A.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person
Format: N[NN]

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Target data](#)

Frequency

Quarterly

Data custodian

Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare; Department of Health and Ageing

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations. National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services. Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations, Canberra. Viewed 15 February 2013,

http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health_reform/national-workforce-reform/national_partnership.pdf

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2012-13 Health!](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2013-15 Health!](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2015-16 Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(census data\) NMDS 2016-17 Health!](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13 Health!](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

See also [Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2013-15 Health!](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

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See also [National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target \(Part 2\) Health!](#), Standard 21/11/2013