

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Indicator
<b>Indicator type:</b>	Progress measure
<b>Short name:</b>	Patients who received their surgery within clinically recommended times, 2014
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	558300
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016
<b>Description:</b>	The percentage of patients who received their surgery within the clinically recommended time.
<b>Indicator set:</b>	<a href="#">National Health Performance Authority: Hospital performance: 2011-16</a> <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016

## Collection and usage attributes

**Computation description:** The percentage of patients who received surgery within the clinically recommended time.

Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:

- Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory or
- Admitted as emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory.

For the purposes of reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category recorded when they were removed from the list.

### Exclusions

The calculation of waiting time excludes:

1. All days the patient was waiting with a less urgent surgery urgency category than their urgency category when removed from the list. When a patient's urgency category changes, existing NMDS business rules will apply.
2. All patients who:
  - Transferred to another hospital's elective surgery waiting list
  - Were treated elsewhere but not on behalf of the hospital
  - Were not contactable for booking the surgery or at booked time of surgery
  - Died prior to surgery
  - Declined surgery.

### Data suppression

Results are not shown if the number of surgeries is fewer than 10.

If one or more quarter is suppressed then the next smallest quarter will be suppressed; annual totals are reported including all suppressed values.

Annual data are sourced from [National Elective Surgery Waiting Time Data Collection](#) and quarterly data from [National Elective Surgery Target Data Collection](#).

**Computation:**  $100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

**Numerator:** Number of patients who received elective 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**

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

**Denominator:**

Number of elective surgery.

**Denominator data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

**Disaggregation:**

Hospital and elective surgery [urgency category](#)

**Disaggregation data elements:**

**Data Element / Data Set**

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

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

**Data Element / Data Set**

[Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N](#)

**Data Source**

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

**NMDS / DSS**

[Elective surgery waiting times \(removals data\) NMDS 2012-13](#)

**Comments:**

The National Elective Surgery Target commenced in January 2012 with the requirement that 100% of all patients in all urgency categories will receive their surgery within clinically recommended times by 2015 for NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, and SA and by 2016 for TAS, ACT and NT. Each state and territory has a different starting point for each urgency category and, accordingly, a different target for each category for December of each year leading up to 2015 (or 2016). These targets are shown in the Table below.

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
<b>URGENCY CATEGORY 1 (%)</b>								
Target period	92.3	100.0	83.0	87.4	87.5	75.4	91.8	79.1
1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	96.0	100.0	89.0	94.0	94.0	84.0	95.0	83.0
1 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.0	97.0	90.0
1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016						100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>URGENCY CATEGORY 2 (%)</b>								
Baseline	86.6	72.5	74.8	79.2	87.6	59.3	44.1	56.9
1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	90.0	75.0	81.0	84.0	91.0	67.0	55.0	59.0
1 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	93.0	80.0	87.0	88.0	94.0	76.0	66.0	69.0
1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	97.0	88.0	94.0	95.0	97.0	84.0	78.0	77.0
1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.0	89.0	88.0
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016						100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>URGENCY CATEGORY 3 (%)</b>								
Baseline	89.4	91.9	88.1	97.2	95.5	76.8	76.9	81.6
1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	92.0	93.0	91.0	98.0	97.0	81.0	82.0	84.0
1 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	95.0	94.5	94.0	98.0	98.0	86.0	86.0	87.0
1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	97.0	97.0	97.0	98.5	99.0	91.0	91.0	89.0
1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.0	95.0	91.0
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016						100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: COAG Reform Council. February 2013. Matrix of performance information: National Partnership on Improving Public Hospital Services. Updated February 2014 based on information provided by email from DOH.

**Representational attributes**

**Representation class:** Percentage  
**Data type:** Real  
**Unit of measure:** Service contact  
**Format:** NN.N

## Indicator conceptual framework

**Framework and dimensions:** [PAF-Equity of access](#)

## Data source attributes

**Data sources:**

### Data Source

[National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection](#)

### Frequency

Annual

### Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Accountability attributes

**Reporting requirements:** National Health Performance Authority - Performance and Accountability Framework

**Organisation responsible for providing data:** Australian Institute of Health Welfare

**Other issues caveats:** Waiting time is calculated by states and territories by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was not ready for care and/or waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal.

There are inconsistencies in application of urgency categories between and within states and territories which impact on the comparability of results.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Performance Authority

**Origin:** Hospital Performance

**Reference documents:** National Health Performance Authority - Performance and Accountability Framework

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [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

Has been superseded by [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