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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	600059
Registration status:	Health!, Superseded 19/11/2015
DSS type:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
Scope:	The scope of this national minimum data set (NMDS) is patients on waiting lists for elective surgery, as defined in the Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N data element (also known as 'Waiting list category'), which are managed by public acute hospitals. This will include private patients treated in public hospitals, and may include public patients treated in private hospitals.
	Hospitals may also collect information for other care (as defined in the 'Waiting list category' data element), but this is not part of the NMDSs for Elective surgery waiting times (census data) and Elective surgery waiting times (removals data).
	Patients on waiting lists managed by hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, corrections authorities and Australia's external territories are not currently included.
	Census data:
	Data are collected for patients on elective surgery waiting lists who are yet to be admitted to hospital or removed for another reason. The scope is patients on elective surgery waiting lists on a census date who are 'ready for care' and patients who are 'not ready for care', as defined in the Elective surgery waiting list episode—patient listing status, readiness for care code N data element.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Patients on waiting lists on census dates.
Collection methods:	Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY is not required for reporting to the NMDS, but is necessary for the derivation of Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at a census date), total days N[NNN].
	Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N is not required for reporting to the NMDS, but is necessary for determining whether patients are in scope for the NMDS. These data elements should be collected at the local level and reported to state and territory health authorities as required.
	National reporting arrangements
	State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.
	Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated
	Census dates are 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June.
Implementation start date:	01/07/2015
Implementation end date:	30/06/2016

| **Comments:** | There are two different types of data collected for this NMDS (census data and removals data) and the scope and list of data elements associated with each is different.

For the purposes of this NMDS, public hospitals include hospitals which are set up to provide services for public patients (as public hospitals do), but which are managed privately.

The inclusion of public patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists managed by private hospitals will be investigated in the future.

Glossary items

Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set are included here.

[Clinical review](#)

[Elective surgery](#)

[Emergency surgery](#)

[Other surgery](#) |

Source and reference attributes

| **Submitting organisation:** | National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee |

Relational attributes

| **Related metadata references:** | Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2013-15](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 12/06/2015

Has been superseded by [Elective surgery waiting times (census data) NMDS 2016-17](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 29/06/2016

See also [Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 19/11/2015

See also [Elective care waiting list episode—elective care type, code N](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 14/10/2021

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

See also [National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services: National Elective Surgery Target (Part 1)](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 21/11/2013

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

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Elective care waiting list episode—listing date for care, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—indicator procedure, code NN	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—patient listing status, readiness for care code N	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN	Mandatory	1
-	Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time (at a census date), total days N[NNN]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Hospital census (of elective surgery waitlist patients)—census date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1