

Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Reason for removal from elective surgery waiting list
METEOR identifier:	684830
Registration status:	HealthI , Standard 25/01/2018
Definition:	The reason a patient is removed from an elective surgery waiting list, as represented by a code.
Context:	Elective surgery
Data Element Concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—reason for removal from a waiting list
Value Domain:	Reason for removal from an elective surgery waiting list code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory
	2	Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory
	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 on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory
	5	Surgery not required or declined
	6	Transferred to another hospital's waiting list
Supplementary values:	9	Not known

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Admitted as an elective patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory

Patients undergoing the awaited procedure whilst admitted for another reason are to be coded this code.

CODE 2 Admitted as an emergency patient for awaited procedure by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory

This code 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.

CODE 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)

CODE 4 Treated elsewhere for awaited procedure, but not on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory

This code would be used where surgery was undertaken other than by or on behalf of this hospital or the state/territory; for example, the patient has accessed surgery as a private patient in a private hospital.

CODE 5 Surgery not required or declined

These codes 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 Transferred to another hospital's waiting list

This code 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 Not known

This code identifies patients removed from the waiting list for reasons unknown.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:

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 number 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.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group

Waiting Times Working Group

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

See also [Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting list removal date, DDMMYYYY](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 16/06/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 05/02/2021

[Elective surgery waiting times cluster](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2018-19](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019-20](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2020-21](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021-22](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Conditional obligation:

Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.

[Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022-23](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Only for patients removed from an elective surgery waiting list.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2—Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2—Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/10/2021](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2019](#)

[Health!, Standard 09/04/2020](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/10/2021](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2019](#)

[Health!, Standard 09/04/2020](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/10/2021](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/03/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2021](#)

[Health!, Standard 16/09/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2021](#)

[Health!, Standard 16/09/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2022](#)

[Health!, Standard 24/09/2021](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2022](#)

[Health!, Standard 24/09/2021](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/03/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2021](#)

[Health!, Standard 16/09/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](#)

[Health!, Standard 24/09/2021](#)

Used as Denominator

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2019](#)

[Health!, Standard 09/04/2020](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/10/2021](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2019](#)

[Health!, Standard 09/04/2020](#)

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.4–Waiting times for elective surgery: percentage waited more than 365 days, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/10/2021](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](#)

[Health!, Standard 13/03/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2021](#)

[Health!, Standard 16/09/2020](#)

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](#)

