Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty of scheduled doctor, code NN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Surgical specialty of scheduled doctor |
| METEOR identifier: | 689726 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the [**elective surgery**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/568780), as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty of scheduled doctor](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/689731) |
| METEOR identifier: | 689731 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The area of clinical expertise held by the doctor who will perform the elective surgery. |
| Context: | Elective surgery:  Many hospitals manage their waiting lists on a specialty basis. Current data shows that the total ready-for-care times waited and numbers of long wait patients vary significantly between specialties. Furthermore, the hospital capacity to handle the demand for elective surgery varies with specialty. |
| Object class: | [Elective surgery waiting list episode](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269007) |
| Property: | [Surgical specialty of scheduled doctor](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/689728) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Elective surgery code NN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/689724) |
| METEOR identifier: | 689724 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Qualified 08/01/2018 |
| Definition: | A code set representing types of surgical specialties. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | NN | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 01 | Cardio-thoracic surgery |
|  | 02 | Otolaryngology head and neck surgery |
|  | 03 | General surgery |
|  | 04 | Gynaecology surgery |
|  | 05 | Neurosurgery |
|  | 06 | Ophthalmology surgery |
|  | 07 | Orthopaedic surgery |
|  | 08 | Plastic and reconstructive surgery |
|  | 09 | Urological surgery |
|  | 10 | Vascular surgery |
|  | 11 | Other |
|  | 12 | Paediatric surgery |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 11   Other  All other surgical specialties not otherwise listed. |
| Comments: | The above surgical categories are consistent with the specialties recognised by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, and as included in the National Elective Surgery Urgency Categorisation Guideline (COAG Health Council 2015) (the Guideline). |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | COAG Health Council 2015. National Elective Surgery Urgency Categorisation Guideline - April 2015. Viewed 5 September 2019, [http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Portals/0/National%20Elective %20Surgery%20Categorisation%20-%20Guideline%20-%20April%202015.pdf](http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Portals/0/National Elective Surgery Categorisation - Guideline - April 2015.pdf)  Royal Australasian College of Surgeons 2015. Surgical specialties. Viewed 28 October 2015, <http://www.surgeons.org/surgical-specialties/> |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The purpose of this data element is to capture the surgical specialty of the surgeon who will perform the procedure, rather than the type of patient or the nature of the surgery to be performed. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Elective surgery waiting list episode—surgical specialty (of scheduled doctor), code NN](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/605195)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/708184)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 18/12/2019  [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732427)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 05/02/2021  [Elective surgery waiting times cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/722646)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/02/2021  [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/701975)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 18/12/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2020–21](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/714037)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/02/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021–22](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/727350)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 17/12/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022  [Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022–23](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/742042)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023 |