

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.3— Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion admitted within clinically recommended time, 2020

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	AHPF PI 2.5.3—Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020
METEOR identifier:	728361
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 13/10/2021
Description:	The percentage of patients removed from elective surgery waiting lists who received surgery within the clinically recommended time, by urgency category, in public hospitals.
Indicator set:	Australian Health Performance Framework, 2020 Health! , Standard 13/10/2021

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Elective surgery as defined in the National Elective Surgery Waiting Times Data Collection (NESWTDC).</p> <p>The NESWTDC includes data collected for patients on elective surgery waiting lists managed by public acute hospitals and/or state and territory health authorities, who are yet to be admitted to hospital and for patients who have been removed from an elective surgery waiting list (for admission or another reason). The NESWTDC includes the date the patient is listed for care and the date the patient is removed from the elective surgery waiting list (removal date).</p> <p>Waiting time is as defined in Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN]. Calculated by jurisdictions by subtracting the listing date for care from the removal date, minus any days the patient was waiting with a less urgent clinical urgency category than their clinical urgency category at removal, and excluding days where the patient was not ready for care.</p> <p>Waiting times are calculated for patients whose reason for removal was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>For the purposes of reporting, patients are reported as the final urgency category they were when treated. When a patient's urgency category changes, the patient's waiting time at removal is calculated as per the Guide for use for Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at removal, total days N[NNN].</p> <p>Analysis by state and territory 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—waiting time \(at removal\), total days N\[NNN\]](#)

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

NMDS / DSS

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

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 NMDS 2019–20](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Number of patients who received elective 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:

2019–20—State and territory, by urgency category.

Local Hospital Network, by urgency category (not reported).

Hospital, by urgency category (not reported).

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory and Local Hospital Network.

Data Element / Data Set

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

Data Source

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NMDS / DSS

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

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Comments:

Most recent data available for 2020 Australian Health Performance Framework reporting: 2019–20.

The scope of the indicator is all hospitals reporting to the National elective surgery waiting times data collection. It includes episode-level data on patients added to or removed from waiting lists for elective surgery which are managed by public hospitals.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [5. Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

[National elective surgery waiting times data collection](#)

Data custodian

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: Australian Health Performance Framework

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

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [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

See also [Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.5.2–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 13/10/2021

See also [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

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2020](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20a–Waiting times for elective surgery: waiting times in days, 2022](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2020](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 20b–Waiting times for elective surgery: proportion seen on time, 2022](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021