Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Clinical urgency
METEOR identifier:	732423
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 05/02/2021 test, Qualified 20/03/2023
Definition:	A clinical assessment of the urgency with which a patient requires **elective surgery**, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency
Value Domain:	Clinical urgency code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Procedures that are clinically indicated within 30 days
	2	Procedures that are clinically indicated within 90 days
	3	Procedures that are clinically indicated within 365 days

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee
Reference documents:	AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2013. National definitions for elective surgery urgency categories: proposal for the Standing Council on Health. Cat. no. HSE 138. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 30 July 2015. http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129543979

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Patients who require an elective procedure should be assigned an urgency category by the treating clinician. The urgency category should be:

- appropriate to the patient and their clinical situation
- not influenced by the availability of hospital or surgeon resources.

Comments:	The treating clinician is the clinician with responsibility for the patient at the time of urgency categorisation.

The clinical situation of the patient is taken to encompass the patient's medical condition and the patient's life circumstances, including issues related to activity limitations, restrictions in participation in employment and other life situations, carer responsibilities and access to carer and other supports.

A patient's classification may change if he or she undergoes **clinical review** during the waiting period. The need for clinical review varies with the patient's condition and is therefore at the discretion of the treating clinician. The waiting list information system should be able to record dates when the classification is changed (metadata item Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2013. National definitions for elective surgery urgency categories: proposal for the Standing Council on Health. Cat. no. HSE 138. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 24 August 2020, http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129543979

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Elective surgery waiting list episode—clinical urgency, code N
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021

See also Elective care waiting list episode—category reassignment date, DDMMYYYY
Health!, Standard 05/02/2021

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N
Health!, Standard 05/02/2021

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—overdue patient status, code N
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 16/06/2020

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at a census date, total days N[NNN]
Health!, Standard 05/02/2021

See also Elective surgery waiting list episode—waiting time at a census date, total days N[NNN]
Health!, Superseded 05/02/2021
Tasmanian Health, Standard 16/06/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Elective surgery waiting times cluster
Health!, Standard 05/02/2021

Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2021–22
Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2021
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Elective surgery waiting times NMDS 2022–23
Health!, Standard 17/12/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2022
Implementation end date: 30/06/2023