

Waiting list category

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The type of elective hospital care that a patient requires.

Context: Admitted patients:
Hospitals maintain waiting lists which may include patients awaiting hospital care other than elective surgery - for example, dental surgery and oncology treatments. This item is necessary to distinguish patients awaiting elective surgery (code 1) from those awaiting other types of elective hospital care (code 2).
The waiting period for patients awaiting transplant or obstetric procedures is largely independent of system resource factors.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Elective surgery
2 Other

Guide For Use: Elective surgery comprises elective care where the procedures required by patients are listed in the surgical operations section of the Medicare Benefits Schedule, with the exclusion of specific procedures frequently done by non-surgical clinicians.

Elective care is care that, in the opinion of the treating clinician, is necessary and admission for which can be delayed for at least twenty-four hours.

Patients awaiting the following procedures should be classified as Code 2 - other:

- organ or tissue transplant procedures
- procedures associated with obstetrics (e.g. elective caesarean section, cervical suture)
- cosmetic surgery, i.e. when the procedure will not attract a Medicare rebate
- biopsy of:
 - kidney (needle only)
 - lung (needle only)
 - liver and gall bladder (needle only)
- bronchoscopy (including fibre-optic bronchoscopy)
- peritoneal renal dialysis
- haemodialysis
- colonoscopy
- endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)
- endoscopy of:
 - biliary tract
 - oesophagus
 - small intestine
 - stomach
- endovascular interventional procedures
- gastroscopy
- miscellaneous cardiac procedures
- oesophagoscopy
- panendoscopy (except when involving the bladder)
- proctosigmoidoscopy
- sigmoidoscopy
- anoscopy
- urethroscopy and associated procedures
- dental procedures not attracting a Medicare rebate
- other diagnostic and non-surgical procedures.

These procedure terms are also defined by the current edition of ICD-10-AM (International Classification of Diseases - Tenth Revision - Australian Modification, National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney) codes which are listed under Comments below. This coded list is the recommended, but optional, method for determining whether a patient is classified as requiring elective surgery or other care.

All other elective surgery should be included in waiting list Code 1 - elective surgery.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Elective care version 1
supersedes previous data element Waiting list category - ICD-9-CM

code version 2
is used in conjunction with Patient listing status version 3
is supplemented by the data element Indicator procedure version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Current edition of the International Classification of Diseases - Tenth Revision - Australian Modification. National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney.

Source Organisation: Hospital Access Program Waiting Lists Working Group.
Waiting Times Working Group.
Health Data Standards Committee.

Comments: The table of ICD-10-AM procedure codes was prepared by the National Centre for Classification in Health. Some codes were excluded from the list on the basis that they are usually performed by non-surgeon clinicians. A more extensive and detailed listing of procedure descriptors is under development. This will replace the list in the Guide for use above, to facilitate more readily the identification of the exclusions when the list of codes is not used.

ICD-10-AM CODES FOR THE EXCLUDED PROCEDURES:

Organ or tissue transplant:

90172-00 [555] 90172-01 [555] 90204-00 [659] 90204-01 [659] 90205-00 [660] 90205-01 [660] 13700-00 [801] 13706-08 [802] 13706-00 [802] 13706-06 [802] 13706-07 [802] 13706-09 [802] 13706-10 [802] 30375-21 [817] 90317-00 [954] 90324-00 [981] 36503-00 [1058] 36503-01 [1058] 14203-01 [1906]

Procedures associated with obstetrics:

16511-00 [1274] Obstetric Blocks [1330] to [1345] and [1347]

Biopsy (needle) of:

kidney: 36561-00 [1047]

lung: 38412-00 [550]

liver and gall bladder: 30409-00 [953] 30412-00 [953] 90319-01 [951] 30094-04 [964]

Bronchoscopy:

41889-00 [543] 41892-00 [544] 41904-00 [546] 41764-02 [416] 41895-00 [544] 41764-04 [532] 41892-01 [545] 41901-00 [545] 41898-00 [543] 41898-01 [544] 41889-01 [543] 41849-00 [520] 41764-03 [520] 41855-00 [520]

Peritoneal renal dialysis:

13100-06 [1061] 13100-07 [1061] 13100-08 [1061] 13100-00 [1060]

Endoscopy of biliary tract:

30484-00 [957] 30484-01 [957] 30484-02 [974] 30494-00 [971] 30452-00 [971] 30491-00 [958] 30491-01 [958] 30485-00 [963] 30485-01 [963] 30452-01 [958] 30450-00 [959] 30452-02 [959] 90349-00 [975]

Endoscopy of oesophagus:

30473-03 [850] 30473-04 [861] 41822-00 [861] 30478-11 [856] 41819-00
[862] 30478-10 [852] 30478-13 [861] 41816-00 [850] 41822-00 [861]
41825-00 [852] 30478-12 [856] 41831-00 [862] 30478-12 [856] 30490-
00 [853] 30479-00 [856]

Panendoscopy:

30476-03 [874] 32095-00 [891] 30568-00 [893] 30569-00 [894]
30473-05 [1005] 30473-00 [1005] 30473-02 [1005] 30478-00 [1006]
30478-14 [1006] 30478-01 [1007] 30478-02 [1007] 30478-03 [1007]
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30478-21 [1007] 30473-01 [1008] 30478-04 [1008] 30473-06 [1008]
30478-18 [1008]

Endoscopy of large intestine, rectum and anus:

32075-00 [904] 32090-00 [905] 32084-00 [905] 30479-02 [908] 90308-00
[908] 32075-01 [910] 32078-00 [910] 32081-00 [910] 32090-01 [911]
32093-00 [911] 32084-01 [911] 32087-00 [911] 30479-01 [931] 90315-
00 [933]

Miscellaneous cardiac:

38603-00 [642] 38600-00 [642] 38256-00 [647] 38256-01 [647] 38256-02
[647] 38278-00 [648] 38278-01 [648] 38284-00 [648] 90202-00 [649]
38470-00 [649] 38473-00 [649] 38281-01 [650] 38281-02 [650] 38281-
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90219-00 [663] 38281-11 [655] 38281-12 [655] 38212-00 [665] 38209-
00 [665] 38200-00 [667] 38203-00 [667] 38206-00 [667] 35324-00 [740]
35315-00 [758] 35315-01 [758]

Endovascular interventional:

35304-01 [670] 35305-00 [670] 35304-00 [670] 35305-01 [670] 35310-00
[671] 35310-01 [671] 35310-03 [671] 35310-04 [671] 35310-02 [671]
35310-05 [671] 34524-00 [694] 13303-00 [694] 34521-01 [694] 32500-
01 [722] 32500-00 [722] 13300-01 [738] 13300-02 [738] 13319-00 [738]
13300-00 [738] 13815-00 [738] 13815-01 [738] 34521-02 [738] 34530-04
[738] 90220-00 [738]

Urethroscopy:

36800-00 [1090] 36800-01 [1090] 37011-00 [1093] 37008-01 [1093]
37008-00 [1093] 37315-00 [1112] 37315-01 [1116] 37318-01 [1116]
36815-01 [1116] 37854-00 [1116] 35527-00 [1116] 37318-04 [1117]

Dental:

Blocks [450] to [490]

Other diagnostic and non-surgical:

90347-01 [983] 90760-00 [1780] 90767-00 [1780] 13915-00 [1780]
13918-00 [1780] 13921-00 [1780] 13927-00 [1780] 13939-00 [1780]
13942-00 [1780] 90768-00 [1780] Blocks [1820] to 1939], [1940] to
[2016]

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Elective surgery waiting times From 01-Jul-99 to
