



Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Elective Surgery

October to December 2017

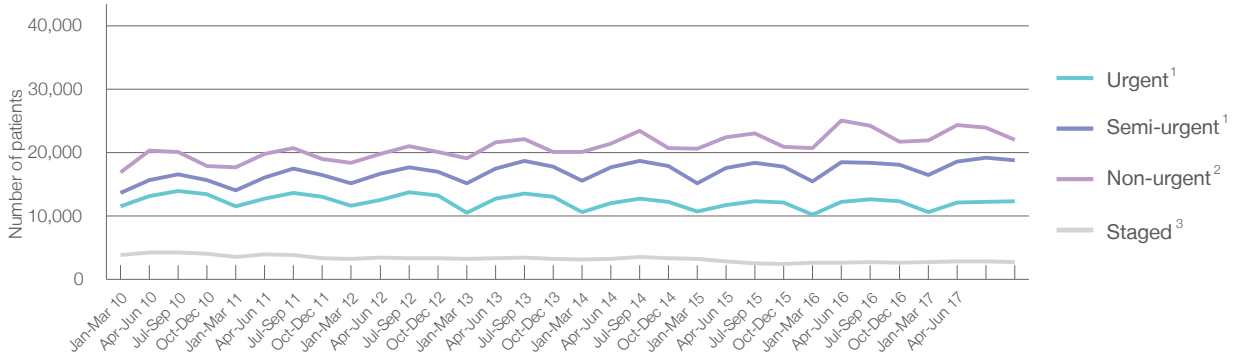
New South Wales: Elective surgery performed

October to December 2017

Patients who received elective surgery by urgency category: 55,872 patients

Urgency Category	Number of Patients	Percentage of Patients	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
1 Urgent ¹	12,342	(22% of patients)	12,326	0%
2 Semi-urgent ¹	18,776	(34% of patients)	18,046	4%
3 Non-urgent ²	21,986	(39% of patients)	21,687	1%
Staged ³	2,768	(5% of patients)	2,705	2%

Patients who received elective surgery by urgency category by quarter, October 2012 to December 2017



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017
All categories	51,162	51,807	53,728	54,288	54,268	53,355	54,764	55,872
Urgent ¹	13,462	13,045	13,298	13,091	12,260	12,193	12,326	12,342
Semi-urgent ¹	15,664	16,461	17,001	17,784	17,836	17,781	18,046	18,776
Non-urgent ²	17,909	18,946	20,061	20,153	20,753	20,888	21,687	21,986
Staged ³	4,127	3,355	3,368	3,260	3,419	2,493	2,705	2,768

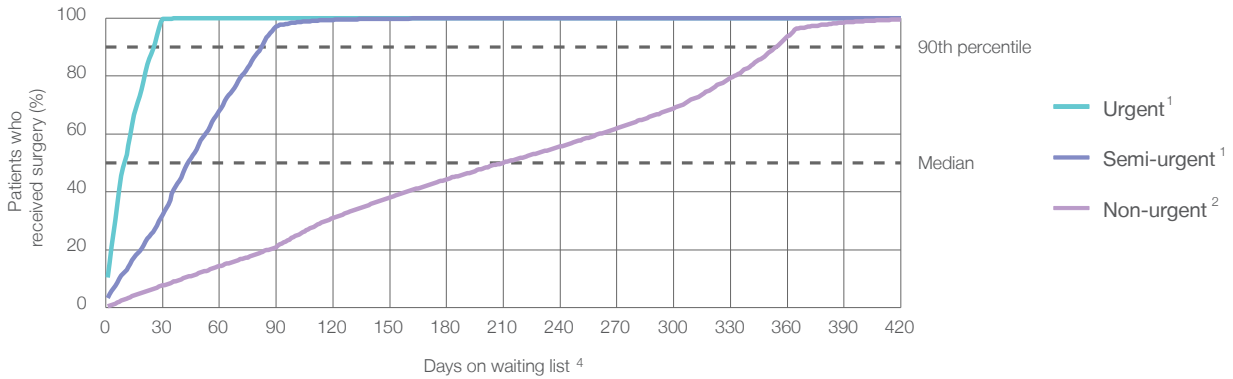
New South Wales: Time waited to receive elective surgery

October to December 2017

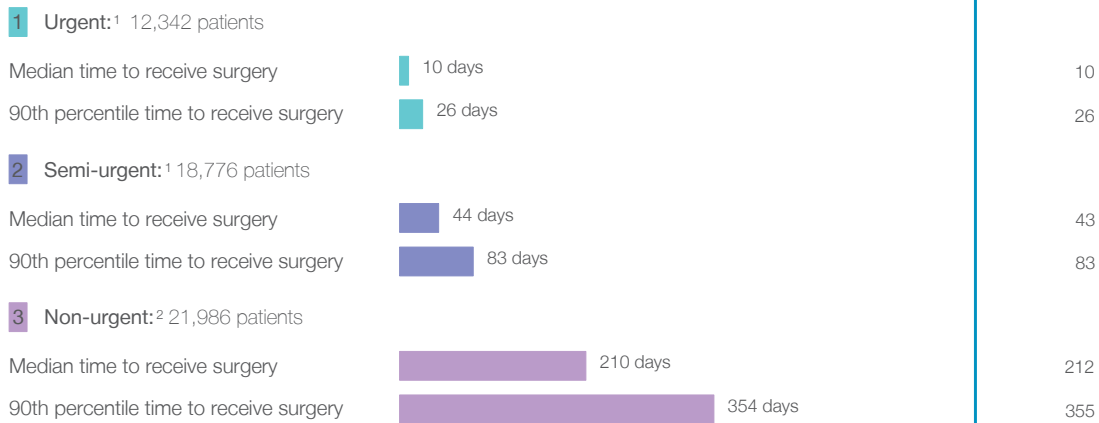
Percentage of patients who received surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe



Percentage of patients who received elective surgery by waiting time (days)

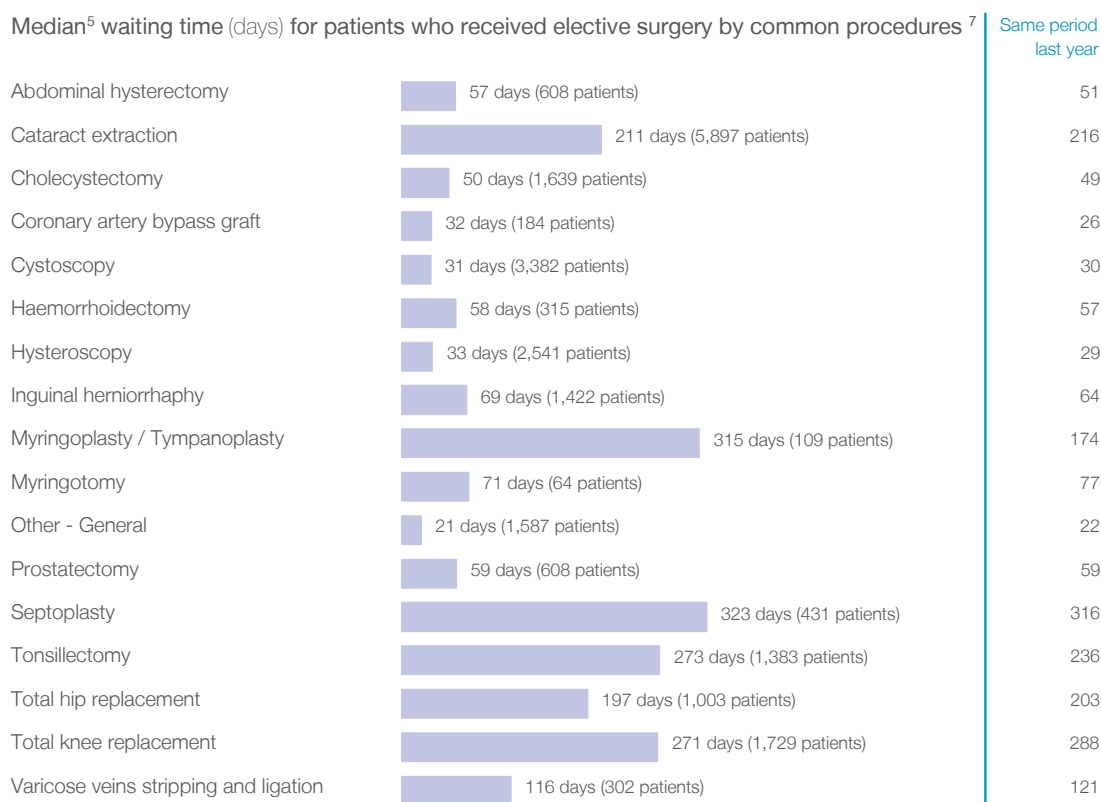
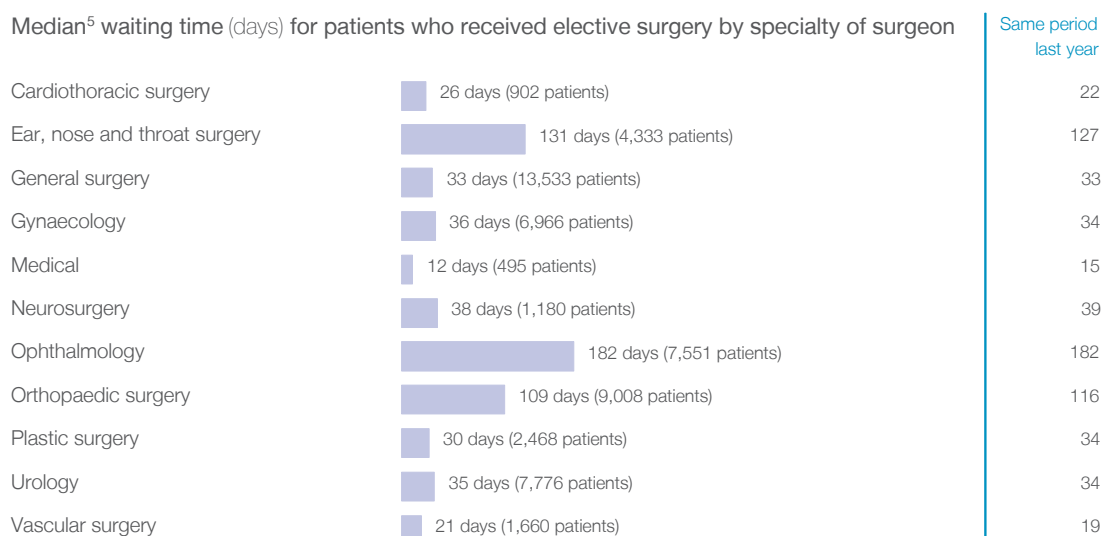


Waiting time (days) for patients who received surgery by urgency category



New South Wales: Time waited to receive elective surgery

October to December 2017



New South Wales: Elective surgery waiting list

October to December 2017

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
Patients ready for surgery on waiting list at start of quarter: 75,704 patients	73,226	3%
Patients ready for surgery on waiting list at end of quarter: 76,227 patients	73,454	4%
Patients not ready for surgery ⁸ on waiting list at end of quarter: 14,951 patients	14,074	6%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st December 2017

Patients ready for surgery on waiting list by urgency category: 76,227 patients

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
1 Urgent ¹	834	10%
2 Semi-urgent ¹	10,474	9%
3 Non-urgent ²	62,146	3%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st December 2017

Patients ready for elective surgery by specialty of surgeon: 76,227 patients

	As at 31 Dec 2017	Same time last year	Change since one year ago
All specialties	76,227	73,454	4%
Cardiothoracic surgery	392	373	5%
Ear, nose and throat surgery	11,390	10,311	10%
General surgery	12,446	12,039	3%
Gynaecology	5,838	5,696	2%
Medical	189	287	-34%
Neurosurgery	1,527	1,284	19%
Ophthalmology	18,092	17,474	4%
Orthopaedic surgery	18,804	18,962	-1%
Plastic surgery	2,342	2,317	1%
Urology	4,111	3,678	12%
Vascular surgery	1,096	1,033	6%

Patients ready for elective surgery for common procedures ⁷

	As at 31 Dec 2017	Same time last year	Change since one year ago
Abdominal hysterectomy	721	727	-1%
Cataract extraction	15,896	15,161	5%
Cholecystectomy	1,542	1,519	2%
Coronary artery bypass graft	102	106	-4%
Cystoscopy	1,073	950	13%
Haemorrhoidectomy	336	399	-16%
Hysteroscopy	1,554	1,344	16%
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	2,202	2,124	4%
Myringoplasty / Tympanoplasty	378	328	15%
Myringotomy	106	108	-2%
Other - General	1,114	1,179	-6%
Prostatectomy	765	697	10%
Septoplasty	1,657	1,429	16%
Tonsillectomy	4,524	4,172	8%
Total hip replacement	2,626	2,490	5%
Total knee replacement	5,948	5,728	4%
Varicose veins stripping and ligation	665	640	4%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st December 2017

Patients ready for elective surgery, on the waiting list for longer than 12 months, by specialty of surgeon: 427 patients

	As at 31 Dec 2017	Same time last year
All specialties	427	193
Cardiothoracic surgery	0	0
Ear, nose and throat surgery	141	29
General surgery	49	27
Gynaecology	28	10
Medical	0	0
Neurosurgery	6	6
Ophthalmology	15	< 5
Orthopaedic surgery	153	94
Plastic surgery	15	9
Urology	18	0
Vascular surgery	< 5	14

* Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect privacy. Relevant graphs are also suppressed.

< 5 Less than five patients. For measures by urgency category, counts are included in an adjacent category. Relevant graphs are also suppressed.

1. Excluding staged procedures.
2. Excluding staged procedures and cystoscopy.
3. Including non-urgent cystoscopy.
4. Excludes the total number of days the patient was coded as 'not ready for surgery'.
5. This is the number of days it took for half of patients who received elective surgery during the period to be admitted and receive their surgery. The other half took equal to or longer than the median to be admitted for surgery.
6. This is the number of days it took for 90% of patients who received elective surgery during the period to be admitted and receive their surgery. The final 10% of patients took equal to or longer than the 90th percentile.
7. The procedures included in this list are procedures which are high volume; some may be associated with long waiting periods. For a description of these procedures see *Elective Surgery Glossary of Common Procedures, December 2012*.
8. Includes staged procedures, non-urgent cystoscopy, and patients currently not available for personal reasons.

For more information: For details of methods, see the *Technical Supplement: Elective surgery measures, July to September 2016*.

Note: All percentages rounded to whole numbers and therefore percentages may not add to 100%.

Source: Waiting List Collection On-Line System, NSW Health (extracted 23 January 2018.).