

Healthcare Quarterly

Elective Surgery

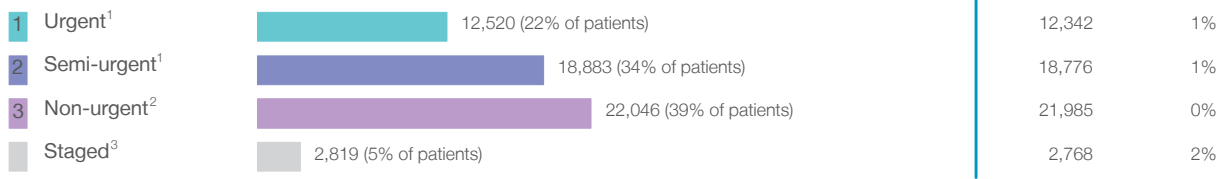
Performance Profiles

October to December 2018

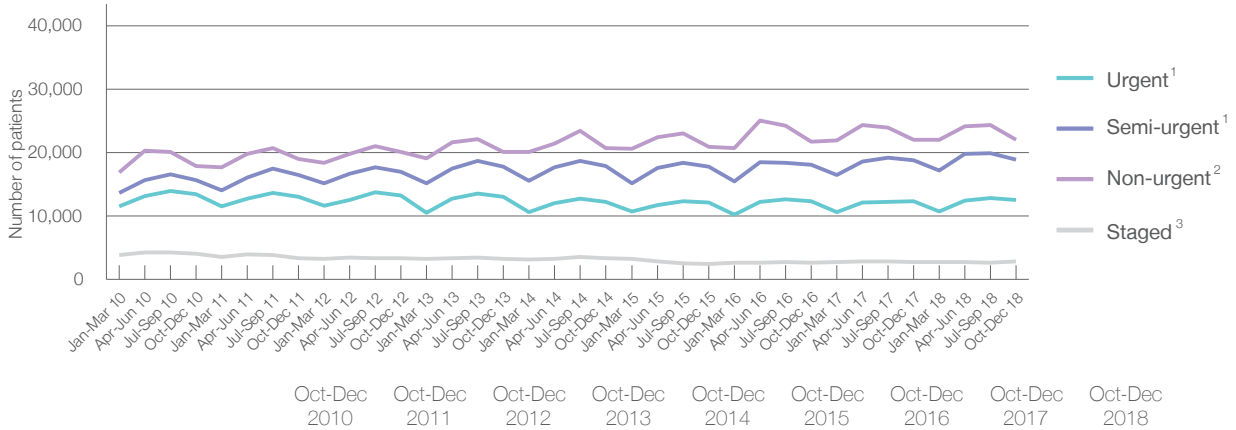
New South Wales: Elective surgery performed

October to December 2018

Patients who received elective surgery by urgency category: 56,268 patients



Patients who received elective surgery by urgency category by quarter, January 2010 to December 2018



	Oct-Dec 2010	Oct-Dec 2011	Oct-Dec 2012	Oct-Dec 2013	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2015	Oct-Dec 2016	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2018
All categories	51,162	51,807	53,728	54,288	54,268	53,355	54,764	55,871	56,268
Urgent ¹	13,462	13,045	13,298	13,091	12,260	12,193	12,326	12,342	12,520
Semi-urgent ¹	15,664	16,461	17,001	17,784	17,836	17,781	18,046	18,776	18,883
Non-urgent ²	17,909	18,946	20,061	20,153	20,753	20,888	21,687	21,985	22,046
Staged ³	4,127	3,355	3,368	3,260	3,419	2,493	2,705	2,768	2,819

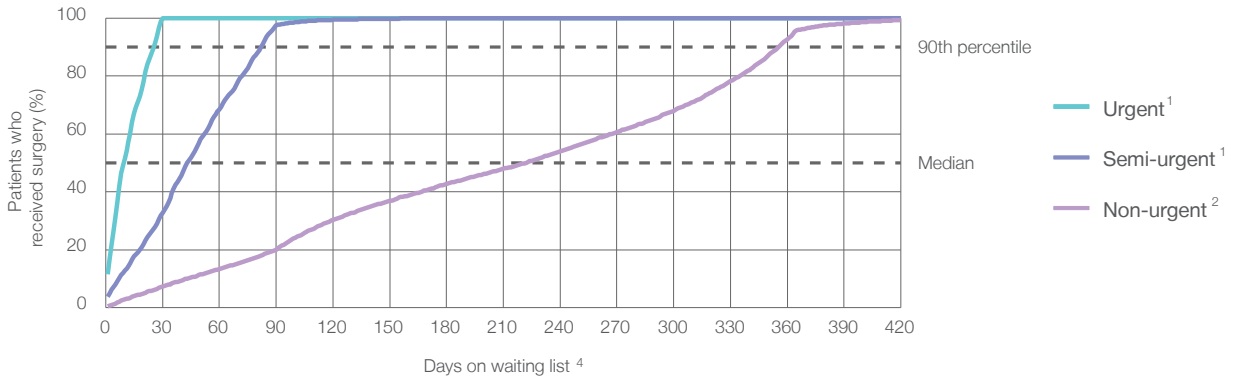
New South Wales: Time waited to receive elective surgery

October to December 2018

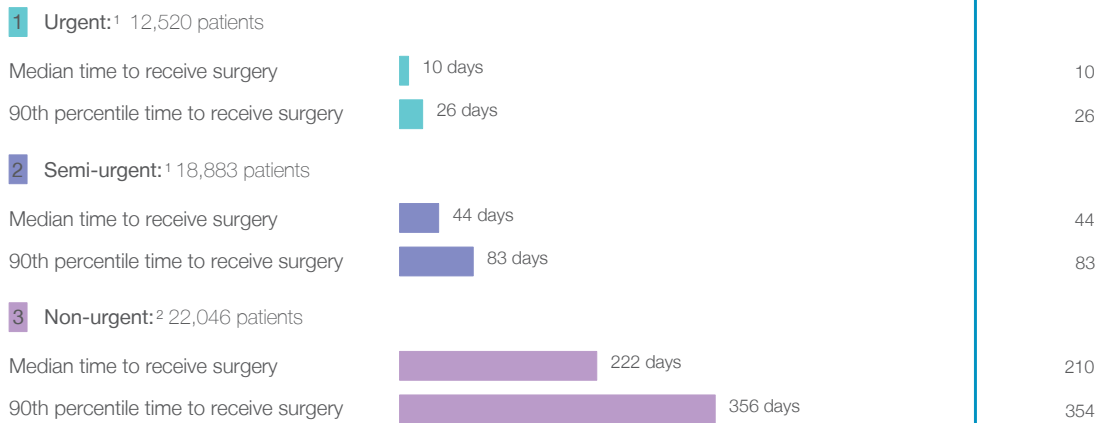
Percentage of patients who received surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe



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

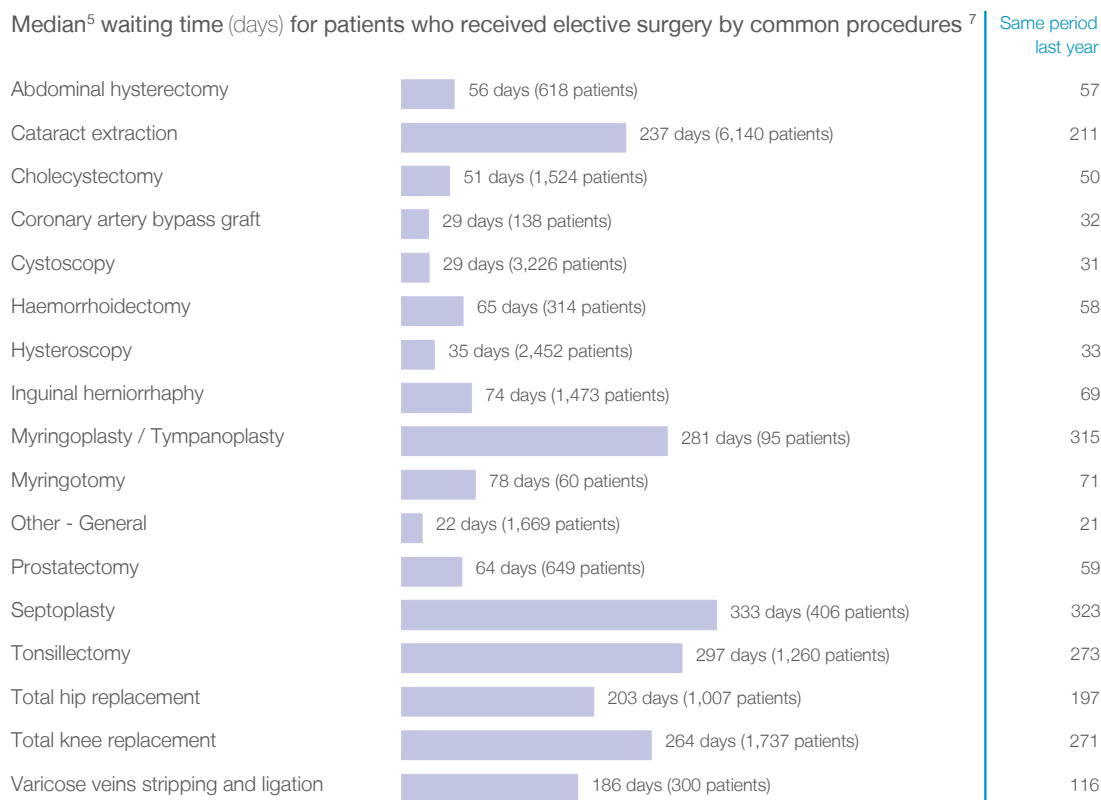
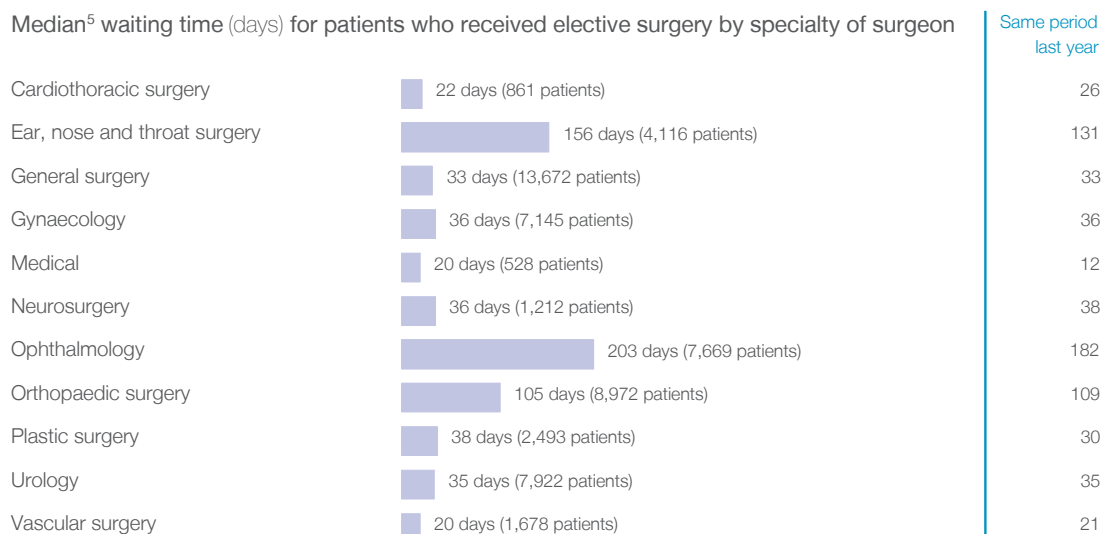


Waiting time (days) for patients who received surgery by urgency category



New South Wales: Time waited to receive elective surgery

October to December 2018



New South Wales: Elective surgery waiting list

October to December 2018

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
Patients ready for surgery on waiting list at start of quarter: 78,861 patients	75,592	4%
Patients ready for surgery on waiting list at end of quarter: 80,836 patients	76,037	6%
Patients not ready for surgery ⁸ on waiting list at end of quarter: 15,922 patients	14,885	7%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st December 2018

Patients ready for surgery on waiting list by urgency category: 80,836 patients

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago									
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	11,376	4%									
	63,743	7%									

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st December 2018

Patients ready for elective surgery by specialty of surgeon: 80,836 patients

	As at 31 Dec 2018	Same time last year	Change since one year ago
All specialties	80,836	76,037	6%
Cardiothoracic surgery	413	389	6%
Ear, nose and throat surgery	10,673	11,363	-6%
General surgery	13,539	12,398	9%
Gynaecology	6,475	5,827	11%
Medical	269	186	45%
Neurosurgery	1,696	1,523	11%
Ophthalmology	20,023	18,066	11%
Orthopaedic surgery	19,626	18,756	5%
Plastic surgery	2,512	2,338	7%
Urology	4,558	4,098	11%
Vascular surgery	1,052	1,093	-4%

Patients ready for elective surgery for common procedures ⁷

	As at 31 Dec 2018	Same time last year	Change since one year ago
Abdominal hysterectomy	766	720	6%
Cataract extraction	17,480	15,870	10%
Cholecystectomy	1,761	1,535	15%
Coronary artery bypass graft	88	102	-14%
Cystoscopy	1,092	1,068	2%
Haemorrhoidectomy	454	335	36%
Hysteroscopy	1,797	1,552	16%
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	2,296	2,187	5%
Myringoplasty / Tympanoplasty	359	378	-5%
Myringotomy	84	106	-21%
Other - General	1,221	1,113	10%
Prostatectomy	792	763	4%
Septoplasty	1,638	1,650	-1%
Tonsillectomy	4,064	4,516	-10%
Total hip replacement	2,733	2,611	5%
Total knee replacement	6,076	5,935	2%
Varicose veins stripping and ligation	662	663	0%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st December 2018

Patients ready for elective surgery, on the waiting list for longer than 12 months, by specialty of surgeon: 429 patients

	As at 31 Dec 2018	Same time last year
All specialties	429	426
Cardiothoracic surgery	0	0
Ear, nose and throat surgery	142	141
General surgery	30	48
Gynaecology	7	28
Medical	0	0
Neurosurgery	14	6
Ophthalmology	10	15
Orthopaedic surgery	194	153
Plastic surgery	21	15
Urology	9	18
Vascular surgery	< 5	< 5

* 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: Emergency department, ambulance, admitted patients and elective surgery, October to December 2018*.

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 21 January 2019.).