



Healthcare Quarterly

Performance Profiles

Elective Surgery

January to March 2017

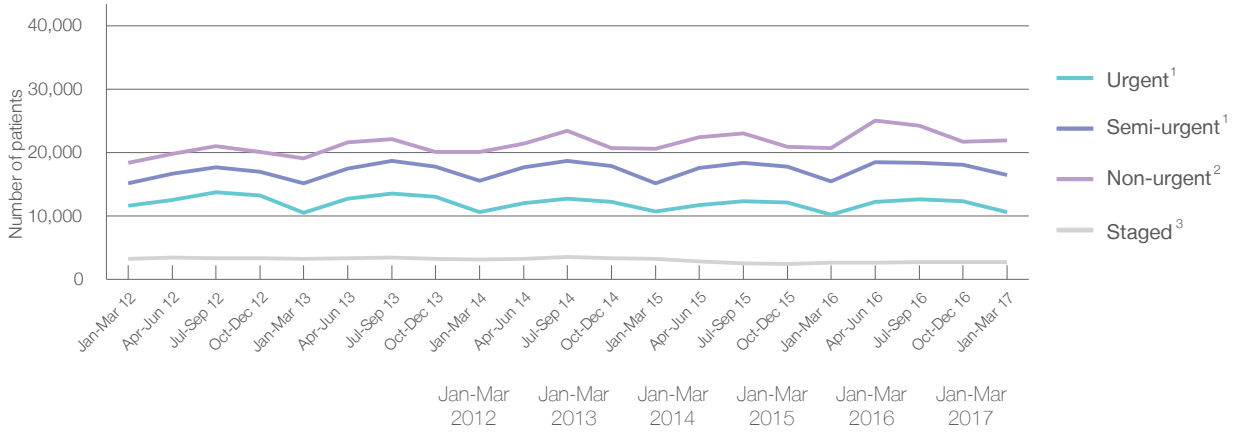
New South Wales: Elective surgery performed

January to March 2017

Patients who received elective surgery by urgency category: 51,830 patients

Urgency Category	Number of Patients	Percentage of Patients	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
1 Urgent ¹	10,646	20.5% of patients	10,289	3.5%
2 Semi-urgent ¹	16,492	31.8% of patients	15,415	7.0%
3 Non-urgent ²	21,915	42.3% of patients	20,744	5.6%
Staged ³	2,777	5.4% of patients	2,621	6.0%

Patients who received elective surgery by urgency category by quarter, January 2012 to March 2017



Category	Jan-Mar 2012	Jan-Mar 2013	Jan-Mar 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Jan-Mar 2016	Jan-Mar 2017
All categories	48,497	48,009	49,468	49,844	49,069	51,830
Urgent ¹	11,596	10,571	10,634	10,714	10,289	10,646
Semi-urgent ¹	15,194	15,123	15,547	15,196	15,415	16,492
Non-urgent ²	18,430	19,082	20,125	20,655	20,744	21,915
Staged ³	3,277	3,233	3,162	3,279	2,621	2,777

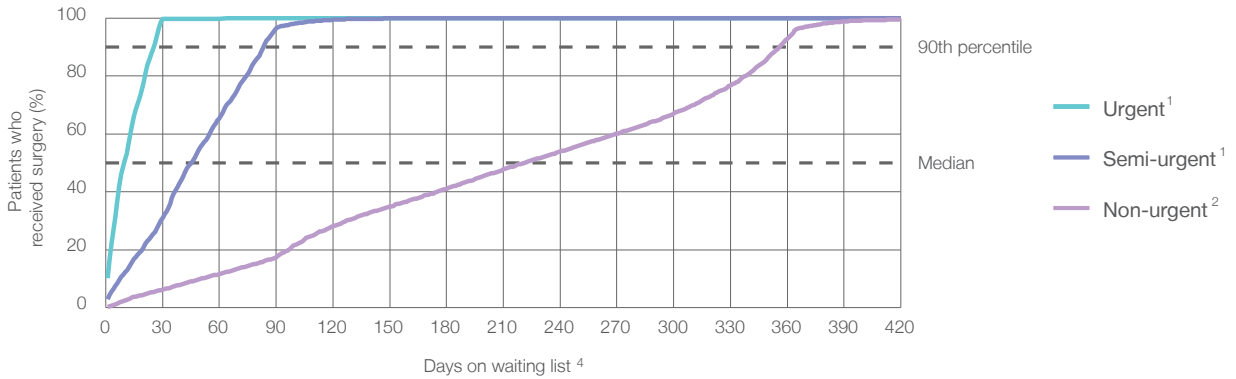
New South Wales: Time waited to receive elective surgery

January to March 2017

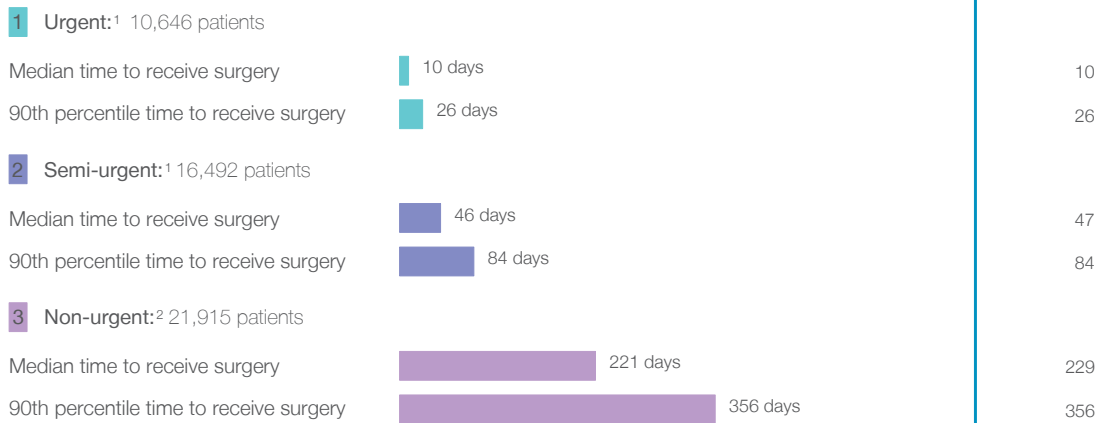
Percentage of patients who received surgery within the clinically recommended timeframe



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

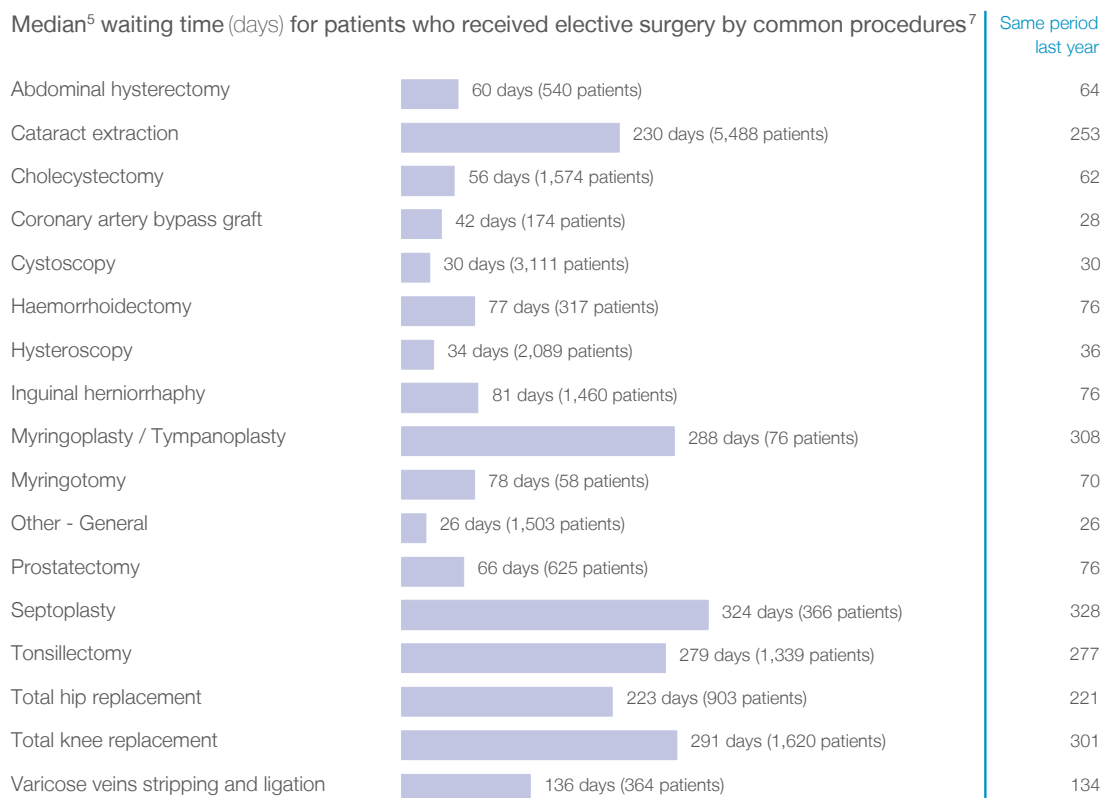
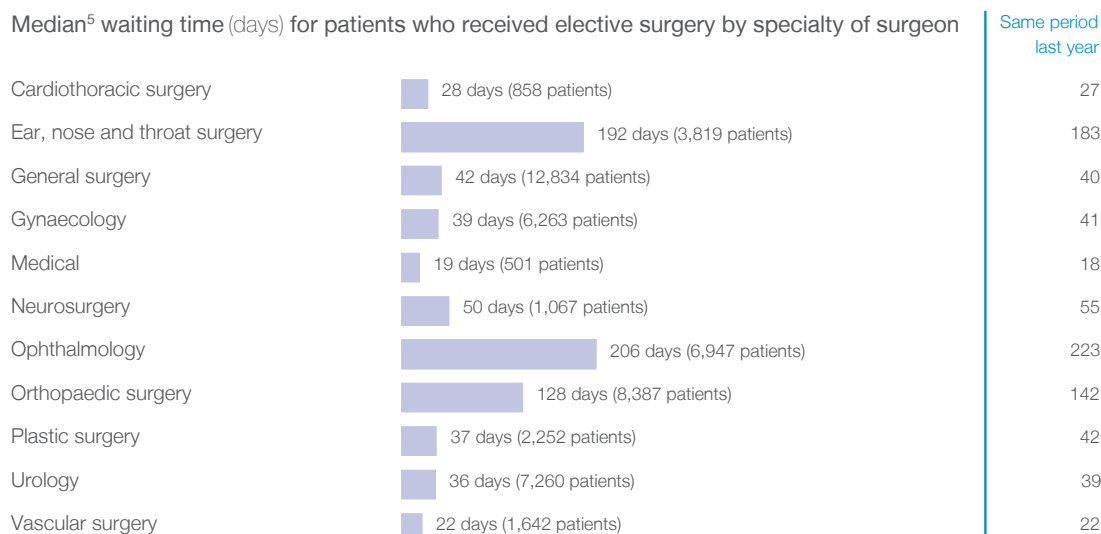


Waiting time (days) for patients who received surgery by urgency category



New South Wales: Time waited to receive elective surgery

January to March 2017



New South Wales: Elective surgery waiting list

January to March 2017

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
Patients ready for surgery on waiting list at start of quarter: 73,507 patients	73,136	0.5%
Patients ready for surgery on waiting list at end of quarter: 74,855 patients	74,250	0.8%
Patients not ready for surgery ⁸ on waiting list at end of quarter: 13,362 patients	12,999	2.8%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st March 2017

Patients ready for surgery on waiting list by urgency category: 74,855 patients

	Same period last year	Change since one year ago
1 Urgent ¹ 2,006 (2.7%)	1,753	14.4%
2 Semi-urgent ¹ 11,803 (15.8%)	11,297	4.5%
3 Non-urgent ² 61,046 (81.6%)	61,200	-0.3%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st March 2017

Patients ready for elective surgery by specialty of surgeon: 74,855 patients

	As at 31 Mar 2017	Same time last year	Change since one year ago
All specialties	74,855	74,250	0.8%
Cardiothoracic surgery	365	321	13.7%
Ear, nose and throat surgery	10,401	9,983	4.2%
General surgery	12,511	12,539	-0.2%
Gynaecology	6,092	6,250	-2.5%
Medical	279	229	21.8%
Neurosurgery	1,291	1,237	4.4%
Ophthalmology	17,186	17,267	-0.5%
Orthopaedic surgery	18,955	19,033	-0.4%
Plastic surgery	2,376	2,478	-4.1%
Urology	4,322	3,842	12.5%
Vascular surgery	1,077	1,071	0.6%

Patients ready for elective surgery for common procedures ⁷

	As at 31 Mar 2017	Same time last year	Change since one year ago
Abdominal hysterectomy	821	836	-1.8%
Cataract extraction	14,802	15,081	-1.9%
Cholecystectomy	1,542	1,684	-8.4%
Coronary artery bypass graft	78	64	21.9%
Cystoscopy	1,162	1,105	5.2%
Haemorrhoidectomy	425	403	5.5%
Hysteroscopy	1,589	1,561	1.8%
Inguinal herniorrhaphy	2,263	2,213	2.3%
Myringoplasty / Tympanoplasty	364	319	14.1%
Myringotomy	88	134	-34.3%
Other - General	1,065	1,266	-15.9%
Prostatectomy	767	622	23.3%
Septoplasty	1,475	1,323	11.5%
Tonsillectomy	4,199	3,883	8.1%
Total hip replacement	2,548	2,514	1.4%
Total knee replacement	5,653	5,592	1.1%
Varicose veins stripping and ligation	678	740	-8.4%

New South Wales: Patients ready for elective surgery

as at 31st March 2017

Patients ready for elective surgery, on the waiting list for longer than 12 months, by speciality of surgeon: 316 patients

	As at 31 Mar 2017	Same time last year
All specialities	316	600
Cardiothoracic surgery	0	< 5
Ear, nose and throat surgery	58	133
General surgery	42	121
Gynaecology	13	33
Medical	0	0
Neurosurgery	18	30
Ophthalmology	24	24
Orthopaedic surgery	132	192
Plastic surgery	18	37
Urology	7	24
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: 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 18 April 2017.).