

# Cancer surgery waiting times data

The information shown is for planned surgery (sometimes referred to as elective surgery), defined as surgery that can be scheduled by placing the patient on a waiting list. Patients that were deemed to require emergency surgery at the time of planning are not placed on public hospital waiting lists and are not included.

Waiting times are reported for patients:

- Who had a principal diagnosis of malignant bowel, breast or lung cancer
- Who received surgery for the treatment of malignant bowel, breast, or lung cancer
- Whose surgeries were considered to be urgent (required within 30 days) or semi-urgent (required within 90 days) by the treating doctor.

**Note:** The waiting times for patients who were yet to receive their surgery are not included.

## Number of surgeries for malignant cancer

### Indicator

Number of surgeries for malignant cancer

### About the indicator

The number of surgeries reported is the number of hospital admissions for planned urgent and semi-urgent surgery for malignant cancer.

A range of 10-30 surgeries is reported at hospitals that performed between 10 and 30 (inclusive) cancer surgeries in 2012–13.

### Specification

To see more about this measure view the data specification for this indicator on Australia's metadata online registry, METeOR.

## Median waiting time for surgery for malignant cancer

### Indicator

Median waiting time for surgery for malignant cancer (days)

### About the indicator

The median waiting times is the number of days within which half of people received their planned urgent or semi-urgent surgery for malignant cancer; the remaining half waited longer than the median waiting time for surgery.

### Specification

To see more about this measure view the data specification for this indicator on Australia's metadata online registry, METeOR.

## Patients who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days

### Indicator

Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days

### About the indicator

The percentage of people who received their planned surgery for malignant cancer within 30 days

A range of  $\geq 90\%$  is reported where required to protect patients' privacy.

### Specification

To see more about this measure view the data specification for this indicator on Australia's metadata online registry, METeOR.

## Patients who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days

### Indicator

Percentage of people who received surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days

### About the indicator

The percentage of people who received their planned surgery for malignant cancer within 45 days

A range of  $\geq 90\%$  is reported where required to protect patients' privacy.

### Specification

To see more about this measure view the data specification for this indicator on Australia's metadata online registry, METeOR.

### Data sources

Admitted Patient Care National Minimum Data Set

Elective surgery waiting times cluster