

National Elective Surgery Targets (NEST) for NSW

What is NEST?

The objective of the National Elective Surgery Target (NEST) is to progressively increase the number of elective surgeries performed, so that 100% of patients receive their elective surgery within the clinically recommended time by 2016. 2 complementary strategies are required in order to reach the NEST:

- Part 1:** A stepped improvement in the number of patients treated within the clinically recommended time; and
- Part 2:** A progressive reduction in the number of patients who are overdue for surgery, particularly patients who have waited the longest beyond the clinically recommended time.

Part 1 Targets - % patients treated on time

Time	Cat 1 Target	Cat 2 Target	Cat 3 Target
Baseline	92.3%	86.6%	89.4%
By Dec 2012	96%	90%	92%
By Dec 2013	100%	93%	95%
By Dec 2014	100%	97%	97%
By Dec 2015	100%	100%	100%

PART 2

On the 31st December each year, NSW will be assessed against Part 2 of the NEST. In order to receive the reward funding under Part 2, there are a number of conditions we need to meet:

- 10% of the longest waiting patients on 31st December each year must be treated by the following year on the 31st December.
- On the 31st December each year any over due patients on the waiting list cannot exceed the average targeted waiting days over their clinically recommended timeframe.

Part 2 Targets – Average days waited in excess of clinically recommended timeframe

Cat	31/12/11	31/12/12	31/12/13	31/12/14	31/12/15
1	0	0			
2	39	29	20	10	0
3	130	98	65	33	0

What does this mean for NSW?

PART 1: To receive the \$7.9M annual reward payments for Part 1, NSW must achieve all the ‘% treated on time targets’ in each category for the calendar year.

PART 2: to receive the \$7.9M annual reward payments for Part 2, NSW must have treated the ‘10% of the longest waiting patients’ from the previous year by 31st December the following year. Only if this is achieved can NSW be considered for Part 2. The additional requirement of Part 2 is to achieve the ‘Average days waited in excess of the clinically recommended timeframe.’

NOTE: For Cat 1 patients, there can be no overdue patients on the 31st December each year of the agreement

Further Reading about National Health Reform

Right Patient
Right Operation
Right Staff
Right Place

<http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/npa-improvingpublichospitals-agreement-toc~schedule-a~description>

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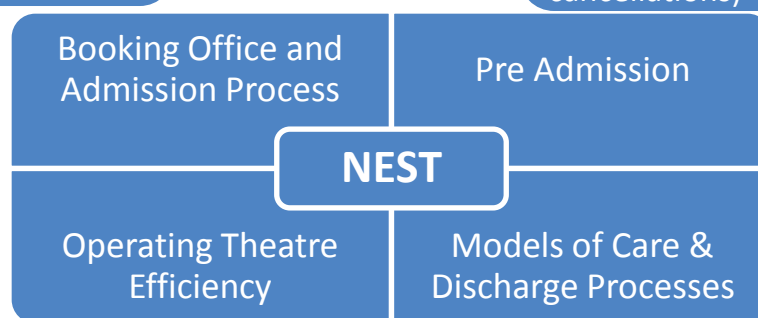
\$146M is available to NSW to assist in achieving NEST & \$63.2M is available to NSW if we achieve NEST

Year	Facilitation	Reward (part 1)	Reward (part 2)
2010/11	\$114.9M	-	-
2011/12	\$31.1M	-	-
2012/13	-	\$7.9M	\$7.9M
2013/14	-	\$7.9M	\$7.9M
2014/15	-	\$7.9M	\$7.9M
2015/16	-	\$7.9M	\$7.9M
TOTAL	\$146M	\$31.6M	\$31.6M

NSW Initiatives to achieve NEST

- Treat in turn
- Escalation systems
- Waiting List Management
- Day of Surgery Admission

- All patients screened for attendance at Pre Admission Clinic
- Better prepared patients (less cancellations)



- First case on time start
- Better Operating Theatre utilisation

Surgery Redesign Training

- High Volume Short Stay Units
- Specialist Centres
- Emergency surgery

For Further Information:

For Surgery Models of Care please follow the link

<http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/surgical-services/delivery/predictable-surgery>

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