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Waiting Times and Referral Activity For Patients Receiving Treatment For Varicose Veins via an operative outcome.

Discharge Date: 01/04/2018 to 31/12/2023

Source: Careflow

Please Note: This activity only reflects elective patients with an operative outcome.

OPCS coding, the most accurate way to identify varicose vein treatments, is only consistently applied to IP settings.

Consequently, this activity and data does **not** reflect outpatient clinics.

A full list of procedure codes is located below.

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Table 1 - The Wait Time (In Days) For An Operative Outcome For Varicose Veins.

The table below highlights the number of days waited between the clock start and operation date for any operative outcome for patients with varicose veins.

Emergency patient have been excluded as their operative outcome would have been immediate (therefore outside of the scope of this request).

Any patient that was admitted as an emergency for a diagnosis varicose veins and then later referred for elective, operative treatment will be included in the numbers below.

Overall based on the total number of referrals, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to initial appointment with healthcare professional regarding treatment for varicose veins. Please provide this information for each calendar year for the past five years.

Overall based on the total number of referrals, what is your minimum, maximum and median waiting times in days from the date referral received to a surgical procedure to treat varicose veins. Please provide this information for each calendar year for the past five years.

Discharge Year/Days Wait	Minimum	Maximum	Median
2018/19	8	344	161
2019/20	13	313	162
2020/21	3	504	198
2021/22	35	755	185
2022/23	28	573	250
2023/24	11	538	238

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Table 2 - Total Number Of Elective Operative Treatments For Varicose Veins.

The table shows the number of elective operative procedure by financial year.

What is the total number of annual referrals for treatment for varicose veins each year for the past five years?

Discharge Year	No. Of Referrals
2018/19	79
2019/20	101
2020/21	59
2021/22	89
2022/23	110
2023/24	150
Total	588

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Table 3 - Total Number Of Elective & Emergency Operative Treatments For Varicose Veins.

The table shows the number of elective and emergency operative procedure by financial year.

How many surgeries for varicose veins have been performed each year for the past five years?

Discharge Year	Total Activity
2018/19	80
2019/20	102
2020/21	59
2021/22	89
2022/23	110
2023/24	153
Total	593

List 1 - OPCS Procedure Codes and Description

L841 - Combined operations on primary long saphenous vein

L842 - Combined operations on primary short saphenous vein

L843 - Combined operations on primary long and short saphenous vein

L844 - Combined operations on recurrent long saphenous vein

L845 - Combined operations on recurrent short saphenous vein

L846 - Combined operations on recurrent long and short saphenous vein

L848 - Other specified

L849 - Unspecified

L851 - Ligation of long saphenous vein

L852 - Ligation of short saphenous vein

L853 - Ligation of recurrent varicose vein of leg

L858 - Other specified

L859 - Unspecified

L861 - Injection of sclerosing substance into varicose vein of leg NEC

L862 - Ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy for varicose vein of leg

L863 - Injection of glue into varicose vein of leg

L868 - Other specified

L869 - Unspecified

L871 - Stripping of long saphenous vein

L872 - Stripping of short saphenous vein

L873 - Stripping of varicose vein of leg NEC

L874 - Avulsion of varicose vein of leg

L875 - Local excision of varicose vein of leg

L876 - Incision of varicose vein of leg

L877 - Transilluminated powered phlebectomy of varicose vein of leg

L878 - Other specified

L879 - Unspecified

L881 - Percutaneous transluminal laser ablation of long saphenous vein

L882 - Radiofrequency ablation of varicose vein of leg

L883 - Percutaneous transluminal laser ablation of varicose vein of leg NEC

L888 - Other specified

L889 - Unspecified