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FOI - 8261 - Varicose Veins

Questions	Notes/Comments	Response				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1. 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.						
2. 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.	When a patient is referred, they are referred under a specialty and conditions like 'Varicose Veins' are booked into generic outpatient appointment types for the given specialty. We are unable to give referral numbers and wait times for this specific condition.					
3. What is the total number of annual referrals for treatment for varicose veins each year for the past five years?						
4. How many surgeries for varicose veins have been performed each year for the past five years?	Detailed in the response column are the number of varicose veins procedures carried out in the past 5 calendar years from the 1st January 2018 to the 31st December 2022 where the patient had any of the ICD-10 codes listed in the ICD-10 code table below and any of the OPCS procedure codes listed in the OPCS code table also below at any point during their spell.	35	36	30	7	6

ICD Codes	
Code	Description
I830	Varicose veins of lower extremities with ulcer
I831	Varicose veins of lower extremities with inflammation
I832	Varicose veins of lower extremities with both ulcer and inflammation
I839	Varicose veins of lower extremities without ulcer or inflammation
O220	Varicose veins of lower extremity in pregnancy

OPCS Codes	
Code	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 combined operations on varicose vein of leg
L849	Unspecified combined operations on varicose vein of leg
L851	Ligation of long saphenous vein
L852	Ligation of short saphenous vein
L853	Ligation of recurrent varicose vein of leg
L858	Other specified ligation of varicose vein of leg
L859	Unspecified ligation of varicose vein of leg
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 injection into varicose vein of leg
L869	Unspecified injection into varicose vein of leg
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 other operations on varicose vein of leg
L879	Unspecified other operations on varicose vein of leg
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 transluminal operations on varicose vein of leg
L889	Unspecified transluminal operations on varicose vein of leg