



Deputy Emer Currie  
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Leinster House  
Dublin 2

9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

***PQ 52130/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of cataract surgeries carried out in Ireland in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Emer Currie***

Dear Deputy Currie,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE) is a health information system, managed by the Healthcare Pricing Office (HPO) of HSE Finance and is designed to collect clinical and administrative data on discharges from, and deaths in, acute public hospitals in Ireland. HIPE discharges are clinically coded from charts in the hospitals, this includes translating medical terminology into alpha-numeric code and using the entire chart to extract the conditions and procedures to create an adequate picture of the patient's health care encounter.

Please see the included Excel file provided by HIPE with the requested information. Please see the data notes on the file and outlined below.

**Data Notes:**

- In-patient and day case discharges are reported only; ED and out-patient attendances are not recorded on HIPE.
- HIPE data is based on hospitalisations, which may include multiple admissions for the same patient. Therefore, it is not possible to use HIPE to examine certain parameters such as the number of hospital encounters per patient, or to estimate incidence or prevalence of disease.
- Diagnosis and Procedures are coded using ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS (from 2024 the 12th edition is used).
- ICD-10-AM is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification.
- The ICD-10-AM disease component is based on the World Health Organisation (WHO) ICD-10. ICD-10-AM is used in conjunction with the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI), and the Australian Coding Standards (ACS) to reflect an accurate health episode of care.
- In ICD-10-AM Version 12, coding of cataract procedures requires assignment of a code from block [193] Insertion of intraocular prosthesis to specify the lens insertion and a code from block [200] Extraction of crystalline lens to specify the type of lens extraction.
- HIPE collects a principal procedure and up to 19 additional procedures per discharge.
- From 2011 onwards HIPE collects a principal diagnosis and up to 29 additional diagnoses per discharge.



I trust this is of assistance to you.

**Yours Sincerely,  
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**Total Elective discharges from acute public hospitals with any listed procedure of cataracts surgery<sup>a</sup>, 2024**

| Year | Count of discharges |
|------|---------------------|
| 2024 | 17,362              |

a. The ACHI procedure codes that were used for the above table are as follows:

**Block 193 Insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis**

42703-00 Insertion of intraocular lens into posterior chamber and suture to iris or sclera  
42701-00 Insertion of intraocular lens

**Block 194 Replacement or removal of intraocular lens**

42707-00 Replacement of intraocular lens  
42710-00 Replacement of intraocular lens into posterior chamber and suture to iris or sclera  
42704-00 Removal of intraocular lens

**Block 200 Extraction of crystalline lens**

42698-06 Intracapsular extraction of crystalline lens  
42698-07 Phacoemulsification of crystalline lens  
42698-08 Other extracapsular extraction of crystalline lens  
42731-01 Extraction of crystalline lens with removal of vitreous  
42698-05 Other extraction of crystalline lens

**Block 203 Other procedures on lens**

42737-01 Needling of posterior capsule of lens  
42734-01 Capsulotomy of lens  
42704-01 Repositioning of intraocular lens  
42713-00 Fixation of intraocular lens with suture of iris

90077-00 Other procedures on lens

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