Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 269644 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005 |
| Definition: | Laterality describes which side of a paired organ is the origin of the primary cancer. Each side of a paired organ is considered separately and described as lateral when occurring unless a physician determines that it is bilateral.  A paired organ is one in which there are two separate organs of the same kind, one on either side of the body (e.g. kidney, breast, ovary, testis and lung). |
| Context: | This information is collected for the purpose of differentiating the site of the primary cancer. For example, a woman may present with a primary cancer in the left breast. She may return at a later stage with a new primary cancer in the right breast. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Person with cancer](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268990) |
| Definition: | A person who has been diagnosed with a cancer. |
| Specialisation of: | [Person/group of persons](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/281123) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Laterality of primary cancer](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269179) |
| Definition: | An indicator of which side of a paired organ is the origin of the primary cancer. |
| Property group: | [Assessment event](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/524435) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes



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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code [N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270177)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011  [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/422769)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/12/2011 |