Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code A

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Laterality of primary cancer |
| METEOR identifier: | 422769 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/12/2011 |
| Definition: | The side of a paired organ that is the origin of the primary cancer in a person with cancer, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269644) |
| Value Domain: | [Laterality code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270754) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | A |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | R | Right |
|   | L | Left |
|   | B | Bilateral |
| Supplementary values: | N | Not applicable |
|   | U  | Unknown  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Record the appropriate code at the time of diagnosis.**Definitions****Right:** Origin of primary site is on the right side of a paired organ.**Left:**  Origin of primary site is on the left side of a paired organ.**Bilateral:**Origin of primary site is on both sides of a paired organ. (When tumours of the same morphology are diagnosed simultaneously in both sides of a paired organ.)Includes organs that are bilateral as a single primary (e.g. bilateral retinoblastoma (M9510/3, C69.2), (M9511/3, C69.2), (M9512/3, C69.2), (C69.6, C48.0), bilateral Wilms tumours (C64.9, M8960/3))Note: Bilateral cancers are very rare.**Unknown:** It is unknown whether, for a paired organ the origin of the cancer was on the left or right side of the body.**Paired organs and structures**The valid International Classification of Diseases for Oncology values for paired organs are provided in the list below:

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| C02.4 | Lingual tonsil |
| C07.9 | Parotid gland |
| C08.0 | Submandibular gland |
| C08.1 | Sublingual gland |
| C09.0 | Tonsillar fossa |
| C09.1 | Tonsillar pillar |
| C09.8 | Overlapping lesion of tonsil |
| C09.9 | Tonsil, NOS |
| C11.1 | Posterior wall of nasopharynx |
| C30.0 | Nasal cavity (excluding nasal cartilage and nasal septum) |
| C30.1 | Middle ear |
| C31.0 | Maxillary sinus |
| C31.2 | Frontal sinus |
| C34.0 | Main bronchus (excluding carina) |
| C34.1-C34.9 | Lung |
| C38.4 | Pleura |
| C40.0 | Long bones of upper limb and scapula |
| C40.1 | Short bones of upper limb |
| C40.2 | Long bones of lower limb |
| C40.3 | Short bones of lower limb |
| C41.3 | Rib and clavicle (excluding sternum) |
| C41.4 | Pelvic bones (excluding sacrum, coccyx and symphysis pubis) |
| C44.1 | Skin of eyelid |
| C44.2 | Skin of external ear |
| C44.3 | Skin of other and unspecified parts of face |
| C44.5 | Skin of trunk |
| C44.6 | Skin of upper limb and shoulder |
| C44.7 | Skin of lower limb and hip |
| C47.1 | Peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system of upper limb and shoulder |
| C47.2 | Peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system of lower limb and hip |
| C49.1 | Connective, subcutaneous and other soft tissues of upper limb and shoulder |
| C49.2 | Connective, subcutaneous and other soft tissues of lower limb and hip |
| C50.0-C50.9 | Breast |
| C56.9 | Ovary |
| C57.0 | Fallopian tube |
| C62.0-C62.9 | Testis |
| C63.0 | Epididymis |
| C63.1 | Spermatic cord |
| C64.9 | Kidney, NOS |
| C65.9 | Renal pelvis |
| C66.9 | Ureter |
| C69.0-C69.9 | Eye and lacrimal gland |
| C70.0 | Cerebral meninges, NOS |
| C71.0 | Cerebrum |
| C71.1 | Frontal lobe |
| C71.2 | Temporal lobe |
| C71.3 | Parietal lobe |
| C71.4 | Occipital lobe |
| C72.2 | Olfactory nerve |
| C72.3 | Optic nerve |
| C72.4 | Acoustic nerve |
| C72.5 | Cranial nerve, NOS |
| C74.0-C74.9 | Adrenal gland |
| C75.0 | Parathyroid glands |
| C75.4 | Carotid body |
| C76.4 | Upper limb, NOS |
| C76.5 | Lower limb, NOS |
| C77.3 | Lymph nodes of axilla or arm |
| C77.4 | Lymph nodes of inguinal region or leg |

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| Collection methods: | This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record and pathology report. |
| Comments: | The laterality of the primary tumour may have implications for treatment and prognosis, and can be of assistance to cancer registries for the coding of subsequent tumours in paired organs. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | World Health Organization |
| Reference documents: | American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2010 revision. Commission on CancerFritz A et al. 2000. International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O), 3rd edition. Geneva: World Health Organization |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [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 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Breast cancer (cancer registries) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491771)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/09/2012[Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/394731)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/05/2014[Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/560813)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015[Cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/597861)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015 |