

# Person with cancer—tumour focality indicator, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Tumour focality indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	495313
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 14/05/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether multiple tumour foci are present in a single cancer primary in a person with cancer, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—tumour focality indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Tumour focality code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Unifocal
	2	Multifocal
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Unknown/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Unifocal refers to the primary tumour having a single foci of cancer cells, and multifocal refers to the primary tumour having two or more foci of cancer cells. Definitions of focality in relation to spread are specific to the cancer site.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Record whether multiple tumour foci reported as a single primary are present in a person with cancer as outlined by a code. When a primary tumour has a single foci of cancer cells record "unifocal". When a primary tumour has two or more foci of cancer cells record "multifocal".

For a tumour to be recorded as a multifocal tumour of a single primary cancer the tumour foci are required to have the same histology. Details regarding this coding for varying tumour sites is available in the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 3rd Edition (ICD-O-3).

This should be recorded from pathology reports after surgery.

**Collection methods:** Collect from pathology reports.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Prostate cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

***DSS specific information:***

Record this item in relation to surgical pathology only.