# N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 8th ed) code X[XX]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

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**Definition:** The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) TNM Classification of Malignant

Tumours code set denoting the presence or absence of regional lymph node

metastasis and describing the extent of lymph node metastasis.

#### Representational attributes

Classification scheme: Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) TNM Classification of Malignant

Tumours 8th edition

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: X[XX]

Maximum character length: 3

Value Meaning

**Supplementary values:** 997 Not applicable

998 Unknown

999 Not stated/inadequately described

### Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Valid N codes from the current edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant

Tumours.

Record the stage in Arabic numerals and the appropriate upper or lower case alphabetic character omitting the prefix "N". For example, record stage N1b for

malignant melanoma of the skin as "1b".

Record if the N stage value has a prefix of "c" or "p". For example, record

retinoblastoma N stage pN1 as "p1".

Refer to the TNM Supplement: A Commentary on Uniform Use, 5th Edition for

coding rules.

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Wittekind C et al (Editors) 2019. Union for International Cancer Control (UICC):

TNM supplement: A commentary on uniform use, 5th edition. Wiley-Blackwell.

#### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed) code

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Health, Standard 07/12/2011

Data elements implementing this value domain:

Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status, N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 8th ed) code X[XX]

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