

# 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](#), 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

**Object class:** [Person with cancer](#)

**Definition:** A person who has been diagnosed with a cancer.

**Specialisation of:** [Person/group of persons](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Laterality of primary cancer](#)

**Definition:** An indicator of which side of a paired organ is the origin of the primary cancer.

**Property group:** [Assessment event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code \[N\]](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

[Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code A](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011