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code [N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270177)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011[Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code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 |