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# Person with cancer—degree of spread of a cancer

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269648

Registration status: Health, Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** Degree of spread of cancer is a measure of the progression/extent of cancer at a

particular point in time.

**Context:** This information is collected for the purpose of: - determining what proportion of

cancers are localised to the site of the primary cancer at the time of diagnosis. - indicating the extent of disease at the time of diagnosis. - for previously diagnosed cancers, the degree of spread may be measured at each patient episode to track the progression of the cancer. - assessing how early in its course the cancer was diagnosed (used to assess impact of early diagnosis measure). - estimating severity by degree of spread (used for comparing survival after adjusting for degree

of spread).

## **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: Degree of spread of a cancer

**Definition:** The progression/extent of a cancer measured at a particular point in time.

Property group: Assessment event

Source and reference attributes

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

## Data element concept attributes

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** World Health Organization New South Wales Health Department

#### Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

Person with cancer—degree of spread of a cancer, code N

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