Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code [N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Laterality of primary cancer |
| METEOR identifier: | 270177 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011 |
| Definition: | The side of a paired organ that is the origin of the primary cancer, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269644) |
| Value Domain: | [Laterality code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270754) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | A | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | R | Right |
|  | L | Left |
|  | B | Bilateral |
| Supplementary values: | N | Not applicable |
|  | U | Unknown |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The valid International Classification of Diseases for Oncology values for the variable are provided in the list below:  **Right**  Origin of primary site is on the right side of a paired organ.  **Left**  Origin of primary site is on the left side of a paired organ.  Paired organs are: Breast (C50), Lung (C34), Kidney (C64), Ovary (C56), Eyes (C69), Arms (C76.4, C44.6, C49.1, C47.1, C40.0, C77.3, ), Legs (C76.5, C44.7, C49.2, C47.2, C40.2, C77.4), Ears (C44.2, C49.0, C30.1), Testicles (C62), Parathyroid glands (C75.0), Adrenal glands (C74.9, C74.0, C74.1), Tonsils (C09.9, C02.4, C11.1, C09.0, C09.1, C03.9), Ureter (C66.9), Carotid body (C75.4), Vas deferens (C63.1), Optic nerve (C72.3)  **Bilateral**  Includes organs that are bilateral as a single primary (e.g. bilateral retinoblastoma (M9510/3, C69.2), (M9511/3, C69.2), (M9512/3, C69.2), (C69.6, C48.0), bilateral Wilms tumours (C64.9, M8960/3)) Note: Bilateral cancers are very rare.  **Unknown**  It is unknown whether, for a paired organ the origin of the cancer was on the left or right side of the body. |
| Collection methods: | This information should be obtained from the patient's pathology report, the patient's medical record, or the patient's medical practitioner/nursing staff. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | World Health Organization |
| Reference documents: | Percy C, Van Holten V, Muir C (eds). International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 2nd edition. Geneva: WHO, 1990 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [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  Is re-engineered from  [Laterality of primary cancer, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273792)  (16.4 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Breast cancer (Cancer registries) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/370008)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 01/09/2012  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/289280)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2005  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/334019)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/03/2009  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/342187)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 22/12/2009  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393191)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011 |