Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code (ICDO-3) ANN{.N[N]}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary site of cancer (ICDO-3 code)
METEOR identifier:	270178
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 06/03/2009
Definition:	The site of origin of the tumour, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic sites, as represented by an ICDO-3 code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—primary site of cancer
Value Domain:	Primary site of cancer code (ICDO-3) ANN{.N[N]}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN{.N[N]}
Maximum character length:	6

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Report the primary site of cancer, if known, for patients who have been diagnosed with a cancer.

In ICDO, primary site is identified using both the Cxx.x code identifying site and the behaviour code to identify whether the site is the primary site. The behaviour code numbers used in ICDO are listed below:

0 Benign

1 Uncertain whether benign or malignant

- borderline malignancy
- low malignant potential

2 Carcinoma in situ

- intraepithelial
- non-infiltrating
- non-invasive

3 Malignant, primary site

6 Malignant, metastatic site

- malignant, secondary site

9 Malignant, uncertain whether primary or metastatic site

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: Cancer registries use Site codes from ICDO 3rd edition.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: World Health Organization

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code (ICDO-3) ANN{.N[N]}](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Cancer (clinical) DSS](#)
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