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# Cancer initial treatment - starting date

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 001056                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The start date of the initial course of non-surgical treatment for cancer.  
Context: This item is collected for the analysis of outcome by treatment type. Collected for radiation therapy and systemic therapy. Collecting dates for radiotherapy treatment and systemic therapy agent treatment will allow evaluation of treatments delivered and of time intervals from diagnosis to treatment, from treatment to recurrence and from treatment to death. Date of surgical treatment is collected as a separate item.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: DATE  
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY  
Minimum Size:  
Maximum Size: 8  
Data Domain: NOVAL      Valid date.  
Guide For Use: The start date of the treatment is recorded regardless of whether it is completed as intended or not. Treatment subsequent to a recurrence will not be recorded.  
Verification Rules: This field must:  
-be greater than or equal to Date of diagnosis of cancer  
-be less than or equal to Cancer initial treatment - completion date

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998).

Source Organisation: Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons.

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## *Data Element Links*

### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

DSS - Cancer (clinical) From 04-Jun-04 to

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