
Cancer staging - N stage code

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
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Definition: N stage is the coding system used to denote the absence or presence of regional lymph node metastases. It classifies the extent of regional lymph node metastases at the time of diagnosis of the primary cancer. It is a part of the TNM cancer staging system.
Context: For survival analysis adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: AAA
Minimum Size:
Maximum Size: 3
Data Domain: 88 Not applicable
NOVAL Valid N codes from the current edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours.
Guide For Use: Refer to the UICC reference manual, TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours for coding rules.
Choose the lower (less advanced) N category when there is any uncertainty.
Collection Methods: From information provided by the treating doctor and recorded on the patient's medical record.
