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# Oestrogen receptor assay status

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 001069                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
   Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The results of oestrogen receptor assay at the time of diagnosis of the primary breast tumour.  
Context: Collected for breast cancers. Hormone receptor status is an important prognostic indicator for breast cancer.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size:  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 0                      Test not done (test not ordered or not performed)  
   1                      Test done, results positive (oestrogen receptor positive)  
   2                      Test done, results negative (oestrogen receptor negative)  
   8                      Test done but results unknown

Guide For Use: The Australian Cancer Network Working Party established to develop guidelines for the pathology reporting of breast cancer recommends that hormone receptor assays be performed on all cases of invasive breast carcinoma. The report should include  
-the percentage of nuclei staining positive and the predominant staining intensity (low, medium, high) and  
-a conclusion as to whether the assay is positive or negative

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Manual of Use and Interpretation of Pathology Tests: Third Edition Sydney (2001).  
Australian Cancer Network Working Party The pathology reporting of breast cancer. A guide for pathologists, surgeons and radiologists Second Edition Sydney (2001).  
Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998).

Source Organisation: Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.  
Australian Cancer Network.  
Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons.

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## *Data Element Links*

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

NHIM Assessment event

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

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