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# Regional lymph nodes positive

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 001077 Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The number of regional lymph nodes examined by the pathologist and reported as containing tumour.  
Context:

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N(N)  
Minimum Size:  
Maximum Size: 2  
Data Domain: 0 all nodes examined negative  
1-95 actual number of regional lymph nodes positive  
96 ninety-six or more lymph nodes positive  
97 positive nodes but number not specified  
98 no nodes examined  
99 unknown if nodes are positive or negative; not applicable

Guide For Use: Code 97 - positive nodes but number not specified, is used when the cytology or histology from a lymph node aspiration is positive for malignant cells.

Code 98 - positive nodes but number not specified, is used when no nodes are removed or examined.

Code 99 - unknown if nodes are positive or negative, is used if information about regional lymph nodes is unknown or if it is not applicable for that site or histology.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Cancer staging - N stage code version 1  
relates to the data element Regional lymph nodes examined version

### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Australian Cancer Network 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: 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 Physical wellbeing

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

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

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