

# Palliative care principal diagnosis code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	287767
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Recorded 13/05/2008
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing palliative care diagnoses.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Malignant neoplasm
	8	Other diagnosis
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>CODE 1 Malignant neoplasm</p> <p>The main features of a malignant neoplasm (cancer) are its ability to grow in an uncontrolled way and to invade and spread to other parts of the body (metastasise). Benign neoplasms are excluded from this category.</p> <p>CODE 8 Other diagnosis</p> <p>Includes, but is not limited to, HIV/AIDS, motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, multiple sclerosis, end-stage dementia, and end-stage respiratory, cardiac, renal and liver disease. Also included in this group are benign neoplasms. Benign neoplasms do not invade other tissues or spread to other parts of the body, although they can expand to interfere with body structures.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Palliative Care Intergovernmental Forum
<b>Origin:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2005. Health Registers and Cancer Monitoring Unit, Canberra. Viewed 30 May 2005, <a href="http://www.aihw.gov.au/cancer/faqs.cfm">http://www.aihw.gov.au/cancer/faqs.cfm</a> .

## Relational attributes

<b>Data elements implementing this value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of community based palliative care—principal diagnosis, code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Recorded 13/05/2008
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