

Cancer treatment—non-surgical cancer treatment start date, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Cancer initial treatment starting date
METEOR identifier:	288103
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Retired 11/06/2014
Definition:	The start date of the initial course of non-surgical treatment for cancer.
Data Element Concept:	Cancer treatment—non-surgical cancer treatment start date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes


Guide for use:	<p>The start date of the treatment is recorded regardless of whether treatment is completed as intended or not. Treatment subsequent to a recurrence will not be recorded.</p> <p>Collected for radiation therapy and systemic therapy.</p> <p>Date of surgical treatment is collected as a separate item.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Cancer Control Institute
Origin:	Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes  [Cancer initial treatment - starting date, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.1 KB) *No registration status*

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

DSS specific information:

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[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health](#), Superseded 06/03/2009

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[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

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[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

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