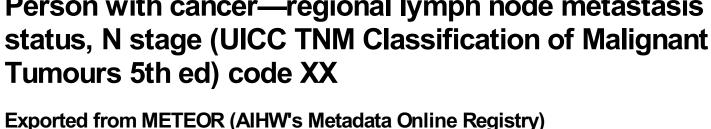
Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis



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Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status, N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 5th ed) code XX

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Cancer staging—N stage code

METEOR identifier: 293254

Registration status: <u>Health</u>, Superseded 06/03/2009

Definition: Extent of regional lymph node metastasis at the time of diagnosis of the primary

cancer, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept: Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status

METEOR identifier: 293218

Registration status: Health, Superseded 07/12/2011

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.

Object class: Person with cancer

Property: Regional lymph node metastasis status

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain: N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 5th ed) code XX

METEOR identifier: 293251

Registration status: Health, Superseded 06/03/2009

Definition: The UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours code set representing the

absence or presence an extent of regional lymph node metastasis.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: International Union against Cancer TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 5th

<u>edition</u>

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: XX

Maximum character length: 2

Value Meaning

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Valid N codes from the current edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant

Tumours.

Refer to the UICC reference manual, TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours for

coding rules.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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.

Comments: Cancer prognosis and survival can be related to the extent of the disease at

diagnosis. Survival rates are generally higher if the disease is localised to the organ of origin compared with cases in which the tumour has spread beyond the

primary site.

Staging systems seek to classify patients having a similar prognosis into groups or stages. TNM staging is an internationally agreed staging classification system based on the anatomical site of the primary tumour and its extent of spread. The T component refers to the size of the tumour and whether or not it has spread to surrounding tissues. The N component describes the presence or absence of tumour in regional lymph nodes. The M component refers to the presence or

absence of tumour at sites distant from the primary site.

TNM staging applies to solid tumours excluding brain tumours.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry

Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by <u>Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis</u> status, N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 6th ed) code XX

Health, Superseded 07/12/2011

Is used in the formation of <u>Person with cancer—extent of primary cancer, TNM</u> stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 5th ed) code XXXX{[X]XX}

Health, Superseded 06/03/2009

Is re-engineered from Cancer staging - N stage code, version 1, DE, NHDD,

NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (15.5 KB)

No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Cancer (clinical) DSS Specifications:

Health, Superseded 07/12/2005

DSS specific information:

For survival analysis adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage.

Cancer (clinical) DSS

Health, Superseded 06/03/2009

Conditional obligation: Collection of this data element is conditional on the disease site being listed in the UICC TNM classification.

DSS specific information:

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