

# Colorectal polyp type code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	308362
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/08/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the histopathological classification of a <a href="#">colorectal polyp</a> .

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Hyperplastic polyp
	2	Tubular adenoma
	3	Tubulovillous adenoma
	4	Villous adenoma
	5	Sessile serrated adenoma
	6	Traditional serrated adenoma
	7	Adenoma not otherwise classified
	8	Carcinoma
	88	Other - includes other polyp types

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

An adenoma is a benign tumour that arises from epithelial cells that line the inside surface of an organ. All adenomas have malignant potential. Adenomas have several different growth patterns.

**CODE 1 Hyperplastic polyp**

A type of polyp that has a low risk, if any, of developing into a cancer. However, people with multiple hyperplastic polyps are associated with an increased risk of bowel cancer.

**CODE 2 Tubular adenoma**

Tubular adenoma composed of epithelial tissue resembling a tubular gland. This is most of the most common growth patterns. Most adenomas that are small have a tubular growth pattern.

**CODE 3 Tubulovillous adenoma**

Many adenomas have a mixture of both growth patterns. Tubulovillous adenomas are neoplasms that resemble a mixture of both tubular and villous adenoma growth patterns.

**CODE 4 Villous adenoma**

Villous adenomas are composed of mucinous epithelium covering delicate vascular projections. Larger adenomas may have a villous growth pattern. Larger adenomas more often have cancers developing in them. Adenomas with a villous growth pattern are also more likely to have cancers develop in them.

**CODE 5 Sessile serrated adenoma**

Sessile serrated polyps have a saw tooth appearance under the microscope, and tend to grow as slightly flattened, broad-based polyps.

**CODE 6 Traditional serrated adenoma**

Traditional serrated adenomas have a saw tooth appearance under the microscope.

**CODE 7 Adenoma not otherwise classified**

A benign growth that does not fit the classification listed above.

**CODE 8 Carcinoma**

A cancer's growth that begins in the lining layer (epithelial cells) of organs.

## Relational attributes

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

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