Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status, N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 6th ed) code XX

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Cancer staging—N stage code |
| METEOR identifier: | 341302 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011 |
| Definition: | Extent of regional lymph node metastasis at the time of diagnosis of the primary cancer, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/293218) |
| Value Domain: | [N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 6th ed) code XX](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/341292) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Union against Cancer (UICC) TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 6th edition](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/341286) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | XX | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 88 | Not applicable |

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| 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 TNM Supplement: A Commentary on Uniform Use, 3rd Edition for coding rules. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | TNM staging applies to solid tumours excluding brain tumours.  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. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Reference documents: | Sobin LH, Wittekind C. TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours. 6 ed. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons; 2002  Commission on Cancer Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS): Revised for 2004 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status, N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 5th ed) code XX](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/293254)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/03/2009  Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status, N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed) code X[XX]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/403661)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/12/2011  Is used in the formation of [Person with cancer—extent of primary cancer, TNM stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 6th ed) code XXXX{[X]XX}](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/341304)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Breast cancer (Cancer registries) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/370008)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 01/09/2012  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/342187)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 22/12/2009  ***Conditional obligation:*** Collection of this element is conditional on the disease site being listed in the UICC TNM Classification. ***DSS specific information:***  For survival analysis adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage.  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393191)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2011  ***Conditional obligation:*** Collection of this element is conditional on the disease site being listed in the UICC TNM Classification. ***DSS specific information:***  For survival analysis adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage. |