

Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of regional lymph nodes examined
METEOR identifier:	370032
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 07/12/2011
Definition:	The total number of a person's regional lymph nodes examined by the pathologist.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined
Value Domain:	Total lymph nodes code N[NN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[NN]	
Maximum character length:	3	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	997	Number of lymph nodes unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>A list of which lymph nodes are defined as regional lymph nodes for each cancer site may be found in the TNM Classification of Tumours, 6th Edition, UICC.</p> <p>The number includes all nodes examined regardless of whether removed/examined at a single or multiple procedures e.g. for breast cancer, record the sum of regional lymph nodes examined from node sampling/sentinel node biopsy and axillary clearance.</p> <p>The number of regional lymph nodes is cumulative from all procedures that removed lymph nodes through the completion of surgeries for the treatment of the cancer.</p> <p>Breast cancer:</p> <p>Regional lymph nodes include all ipsilateral axillary, ipsilateral infraclavicular/subclavicular, ipsilateral internal mammary and ipsilateral supraclavicular nodes. All other nodes (including contralateral internal mammary nodes) are considered to be distant metastases and should not be recorded in this data item. Definitions from UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 6th Edition.</p>
Collection methods:	For cancer registries, collection of this data item should only be from notification and pathology reports relating to initial diagnosis and not for recurrent or metastatic disease.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Australian Cancer Network Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons
Reference documents:	Australian Cancer Network The pathology reporting of breast cancer. A guide for pathologists, surgeons and radiologists Second Edition Sydney (2001) Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998) Johnson CH, Adamo M (eds.), SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2007. National Cancer Institute, NIH Publication number 07-5581, Bethesda, MD 2007.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total N[N] Health , Superseded 06/03/2009 Has been superseded by Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total N[N] Health , Standard 07/12/2011 See also Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes, total N[N] Health , Superseded 06/03/2009
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