

Person with cancer—number of positive sentinel lymph nodes, total code N[NN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of positive sentinel lymph nodes
METEOR identifier:	370549
Registration status:	Health , Standard 06/03/2009
Definition:	The total number of sentinel lymph nodes reported as containing tumour after examination by a pathologist.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—number of positive sentinel lymph nodes
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

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.
Comments:	Sentinel lymph nodes are the first nodes that filter fluid draining away from the area of cancer. The number of lymph nodes with metastasis is important for cancer staging

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre (NBOCC) Australasian Association of Cancer Registries (AACR) Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
Reference documents:	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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Breast cancer \(Cancer registries\) DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2012
[Breast cancer \(cancer registries\) NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 01/09/2012