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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Number of sentinel lymph nodes examined |
| METEOR identifier: | 370558 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/03/2009 |
| Definition: | The total number of a person's sentinel lymph nodes examined by the pathologist. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Person with cancer—number of sentinel lymph nodes examined](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/370556) |
| METEOR identifier: | 370556 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/03/2009 |
| Definition: | The total number of a person's sentinel lymph nodes examined by the pathologist. |
| Object class: | [Person with cancer](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268990) |
| Property: | [Number of sentinel lymph nodes examined](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/370554) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Total lymph nodes code N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/370025) |
| METEOR identifier: | 370025 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/03/2009 |
| Definition: | The total number of lymph nodes. |

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| 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 |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Collection methods: | For cancer registries, collection of this data item should only be from pathology reports relating to initial diagnosis and not for recurrent or metastatic tumour. |
| Comments: | Sentinel lymph nodes are the first nodes that filter fluid draining away from the area of cancer. The presence of cancer cells in the lymph nodes indicates that cancer cells have already spread outside the primary site and may have spread to other areas of the body. This is important for cancer staging and treatment options. |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/370008)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 01/09/2012  [Breast cancer (cancer registries) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491771)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/09/2012 |