

Person with cancer—lymphovascular invasion, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Lymphovascular invasion
METEOR identifier:	370618
Registration status:	Health , Standard 06/03/2009
Definition:	The presence or absence of the invasion of cancer cells into blood vessel(s) and/or the lymphatic system, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—lymphovascular invasion
Value Domain:	Lymphovascular invasion code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Present
	2	Absent
	3	Suspicious
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated or unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The presence of lymphovascular invasion should be recorded as Code 1, regardless of whether the extent of the invasion is described or not.
Collection methods:	<p>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.</p> <p>If pathology report pertaining to initial diagnosis is for a metastasis, and not the primary tumour, record as 9.</p>
Comments:	Invasion of the lymphatics or blood vessels by cancer cells is an important prognostic factor that indicates that the tumour is likely to spread. This item is included in data items defined for reporting in the pathology reporting guidelines as prepared by the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre and Australian Cancer Network.

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: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre and Australian Cancer Network. The Pathology reporting of breast cancer. A guide for pathologists, surgeons, radiologists and oncologists (3rd edition). National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre, Surry Hills, NSW, 2008.

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Breast cancer \(Cancer registries\) DSS Health](#), Superseded 01/09/2012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