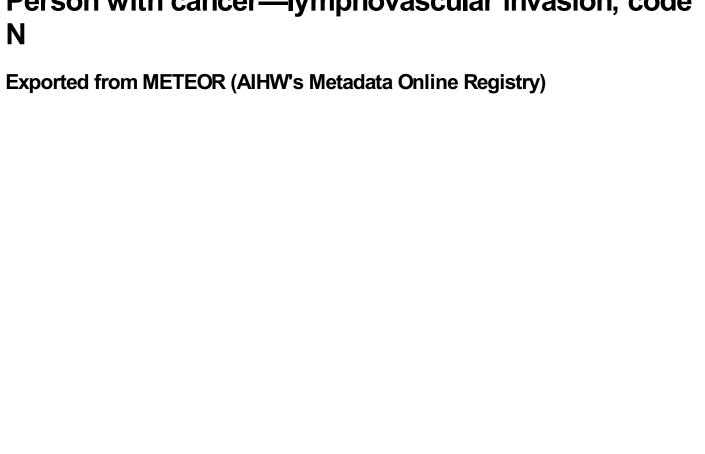
Person with cancer—lymphovascular invasion, code



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Person with cancer—lymphovascular invasion, code N

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: 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.

If pathology report pertaining to initial diagnosis is for a metastasis, and not the

primary tumour, record as 9.

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

Specifications:

Implementation in Data Set Breast cancer (Cancer registries) DSS Health, Superseded 01/09/2012

> Breast cancer (cancer registries) NBPDS Health, Standard 01/09/2012