

Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code (ICD-10-AM 7th edn) ANN{.N[N]}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary site of cancer (ICD-10-AM code)
METEOR identifier:	391340
Registration status:	Health , Standard 22/12/2009
Definition:	The site of origin of the tumour, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic sites, as represented by an ICD-10-AM code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—primary site of cancer
Value Domain:	Primary site of cancer code (ICD-10-AM 7th edn) ANN{.N[N]}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification 7th edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN{.N[N]}
Maximum character length:	6

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Report the primary site of cancer, if known, for patients who have been diagnosed with a cancer.
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Source and reference attributes

Reference documents:	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	<p>In a hospital setting, primary site of cancer should be recorded on the patient's medical record by the patient's attending clinician or medical practitioner, and coded by the hospital's medical records department.</p> <p>Hospitals use Diagnosis codes from ICD-10-AM (7th edition). Valid codes must start with C or D.</p> <p>In hospital reporting, the diagnosis code for each separate primary site cancer will be reported as a Principal diagnosis or an Additional diagnosis as defined in the current edition of the Australian Coding Standards. In death reporting, the Australian Bureau of Statistics uses ICD-10.</p> <p>Some ICD-10-AM (7th edition) diagnosis codes e.g. mesothelioma and Kaposi's sarcoma, are based on morphology and not site alone, and include tumours of these types even where the primary site is unknown.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Origin: World Health Organization

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code \(ICD-10-AM 6th edn\) ANN{.N\[N\]}](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code \(ICD-10-AM 8th edn\) ANN{.N\[N\]}](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

DSS specific information:

This information is collected for the purpose of:

- classifying tumours into clinically-relevant groupings on the basis of both their site of origin and their histological type
- monitoring the number of new cases of cancer for planning treatment services
- epidemiological studies.

[Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2012-13](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation: This data element should be provided for all patients receiving services for a cancer-related diagnosis.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 10-Colorectal cancer incidence rate](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

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[Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018