

Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Surgery target site
METEOR identifier:	393415
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 08/05/2014
Definition:	The target site of cancer-directed surgery performed during the initial course of treatment for cancer, as represented by an ICD-O-3 code.
Data Element Concept:	Cancer treatment—surgery target site
Value Domain:	Topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN.N
Maximum character length:	5

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record all four alphanumeric characters of the topography code. The number after the decimal point represents the subsite or subcategory.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The target site is collected for all cancer-directed surgery performed during the initial course of treatment. The initial course of treatment includes all treatments administered to the patient from diagnosis and before disease progression or recurrence.</p> <p>Cancer-directed surgery refers to all surgery that destroys or modifies cancer tissue anywhere in the body.</p> <p>Cancer-directed surgery may be palliative, (to control symptoms, alleviate pain, or make the patient more comfortable), or curative.</p> <p>Target sites for biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are to be recorded here.</p> <p>All sites or regions targeted for cancer-directed surgery during the initial course of treatment should be recorded. There may be more than one site targeted for treatment. For example, the primary tumour site and the site of a distant metastasis may receive cancer-directed surgery as part of the initial course of treatment.</p> <p>The target site for radiotherapy is collected as a separate item.</p>
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Collection methods: This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.

Comments: This is collected to identify which anatomical structures are targeted by surgery and is useful in evaluating patterns of care and patient outcomes.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: American College of Surgeons 1998. Standards of the Commission on Cancer: Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS), Volume II. Commission on Cancer

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code \(ICD-O-3\) ANN.N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—surgical procedure date, DDMMYYYY](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code \(ACHI 7th edn\) NNNNN-NN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

See also [Surgical procedure](#)
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Surgery for cancer cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014