

# Cancer treatment—radiotherapy target site, code N[N]

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to [info@aihw.gov.au](mailto:info@aihw.gov.au).

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at [meteor@aihw.gov.au](mailto:meteor@aihw.gov.au).

# Cancer treatment—radiotherapy target site, code N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Radiotherapy target site
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	393422
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The target site of <a href="#">radiotherapy</a> administered during the initial course of treatment for cancer, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment—radiotherapy target site</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Radiotherapy target site code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Primary site only
	2	Regional nodes only
	3	Distant metastases only
	4	Primary site and regional nodes
	5	Primary site and distant metastases
	6	Primary site, regional nodes and distant metastases
	7	Regional nodes and distant metastases
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable-radiotherapy was not administered
	98	Unknown whether radiotherapy was administered
	99	Radiotherapy was administered but the site not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	More than one site may be targeted for radiotherapy during the initial course of treatment; select the appropriate code value.
-----------------------	--

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
---------------------------------	------------------

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The target site is collected for all courses of radiotherapy administered to the patient 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.

The target site for radiotherapy is recorded regardless of whether the course of treatment is completed as intended, the intent or timing of the radiotherapy, and the radiation therapy treatment modality.

Record the value representing all the sites targeted for radiotherapy during the initial course of treatment. 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 radiotherapy as part of the initial course of treatment. In this case code "5" would be recorded.

The target site for surgery is collected as a separate data item.

**Collection methods:** This information should be obtained from the patient's radiotherapy records.

Determining the target site of radiotherapy may require assistance from the radiation oncologist for consistent coding.

**Comments:** This is collected to identify which sites are targeted by radiotherapy and is useful in evaluating patterns of care and patient outcomes.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy target site, code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—brachytherapy dose rate, code N Health](#), Standard 04/02/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—brachytherapy indicator, yes/no code N Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—radiation dose administered, total Gray N\[NN.NN\] Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy fractions administered, total fractions N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy treatment type, code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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