

Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code (ACHI 7th edn) NNNNN-NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Surgical procedure for cancer
METEOR identifier:	393426
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 02/05/2013
Definition:	The cancer-directed surgical procedure performed during the initial course of treatment for cancer, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer
Value Domain:	Procedure code (ACHI 7th edn) NNNNN-NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 7th edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNNN-NN
Maximum character length:	7

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The procedure code is collected for all cancer-directed surgery performed during initial treatment for cancer. The initial treatment includes all treatments performed 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>Biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are to be recorded here.</p> <p>The procedure code for each surgical treatment episode should be entered separately.</p> <p>Endocrine surgery for the purpose of modifying hormone levels is recorded with data element <i>Cancer treatment—systemic therapy procedure, code N[N]</i>.</p>
Collection methods:	This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.
Comments:	The collection of specific treatment information is useful to evaluate patterns of care, the effectiveness of different treatment modalities, and treatment by patient outcome.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Origin: National Centre for Classification in Health
New South Wales Department of Health, Public Health Division

Reference documents: Public Health Division 2001. NSW Clinical Cancer Data Collection for Outcomes and Quality: Data Dictionary, Version 1. Sydney:NSW Health Department

American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer

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: Supersedes [Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code \(ACHI 7th edn\) NNNNN-NN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

Has been superseded by [Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code \(ACHI 8th edn\) NNNNN-NN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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

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

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