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Registration status:	[Health,](#) Superseded 02/05/2013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:	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.
	Cancer-directed surgery refers to all surgery that destroys or modifies cancer tissue anywhere in the body.
	Cancer-directed surgery may be palliative (to control symptoms, alleviate pain, or make the patient more comfortable), or curative.
	Biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are to be recorded here.
	The procedure code for each surgical treatment episode should be entered separately.
	Endocrine surgery for the purpose of modifying hormone levels is recorded with data element *Cancer treatment—systemic therapy procedure, code N[N]*.
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
	See also Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N 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