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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 393613 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/12/2011 |
| Definition: | The systemic therapy agent or protocol used for treatment.  Systemic therapy agents are drugs that travel through the bloodstream and reach and effect cells all over the body. They are administered orally or intravenously.  Systemic therapy agents may be administered as single-agent treatments or as a combination of drugs administered according to a prespecified regimen or protocol. A protocol is a precise and detailed plan for therapy that includes the type, quantity, method and length of time of taking the drugs required for any treatment cycle.  Systemic therapy agents are encompassed in the treatment modalities [**chemotherapy**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/436811), [**immunotherapy**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/437322) and [**hormone therapy**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/439580) administered for the treatment of cancer. |
| Property group: | [Service provision event](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274661) |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia |
| Reference documents: | American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer, 28D-28E |
| Relational attributes | |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this property: | [Cancer treatment—systemic therapy agent or protocol](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/561276)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014  [Cancer treatment—systemic therapy agent or protocol](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393615)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/05/2014 |