

# Patient—date of last contact, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of last contact—cancer patient
METEOR identifier:	394060
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The date of last contact with the patient, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Patient—date of last contact</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Record the date on which the patient was last known to be alive.

The date of last contact may be used for administrative purposes in conjunction with the patient's last known cancer status to identify how complete the treatment information is.

The last contact date may, for example, be the discharge date of an inpatient stay, the date of an outpatient appointment, the date of an investigation such as a scan or the date of a home visit by, for instance, a palliative care nurse or occupational therapist.

The last contact date may also be derived from an official source, for example, a letter from a physician detailing the patient's last follow-up appointment.

Many hospitals conduct routine follow-up of patients and the last contact date may result from a phone call to the patient.

The date of last contact should be updated as required.

If the patient has multiple primary cancers, all records should have the same date of last contact.

The date of death is collected as a separate item.

The date of last contact must be:

- Greater than the date of diagnosis, and
- Less than or equal to the date of death.

**Collection methods:**

The information should be collected from the patient's medical record.

**Comments:**

This information is used for patient follow-up and outcome studies.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:**

Cancer Australia

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Patient—cancer status, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015