

Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary site of cancer (ICD-O-3 code)
METEOR identifier:	396090
Registration status:	Health , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The site in which the tumour originated in a person with cancer, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic sites, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—primary site of cancer
Value Domain:	Topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN.N
Maximum character length:	5

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record all four alphanumeric characters of the topography code. The number after the decimal point represents the subsite or subcategory.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Record the primary site of cancer, if known, for patients who have been diagnosed with cancer. When the primary site is unknown, record C80.9.</p> <p>The primary site of the tumour is the site of origin, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic site.</p> <p>Record all four alphanumeric characters of the topography code. The number after the decimal point represents the subsite or subcategory.</p> <p>Refer to the coding guidelines for topography in ICD-O-3, pp 23-26.</p> <p>Refer to the coding guidelines for multiple tumours in ICD-O-3, pp 35-37.</p> <p>If the patient is diagnosed with more than one primary tumour, record the site of each primary separately.</p> <p>If the primary site differs on multiple pathology or other notification reports for the same tumour, use the most specific value. For example, one report may state the breast (C50.9) is the site of the primary while another report records the lower-inner quadrant of the breast (C50.3) as the primary site; record C50.3 here as the primary site.</p>
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Collection methods: This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.

Comments: The information is collected so that tumours can be classified into clinically relevant groups based on their primary site and histological type. This provides a basis for staging and the determination of treatment options. The primary site of the cancer also affects the course of the disease and prognosis.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Origin: World Health Organization

Reference documents: Fritz A et al. 2000. International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O), 3rd edition. Geneva: World Health Organization

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code \(ICDO-3\) ANN\(.N\[N\]\);](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, topography code \(ICD-O-3.1\) ANN.N](#)
[Health](#), Qualified 03/08/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/02/2021

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[Breast cancer \(cancer registries\) NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 01/09/2012

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

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

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

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.2–Incidence of selected cancers, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/10/2021

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.2–Incidence of selected cancers, 2020](#)

Health, Standard 13/10/2021

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2013](#)

Health, Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2014](#)

Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2015](#)

Health, Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2016](#)

Health, Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2017](#)

Health, Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2018](#)

Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2020](#)

Health, Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2021](#)

Health, Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2022](#)

Health, Standard 24/09/2021

Used as Disaggregation

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.5–Survival of people diagnosed with cancer, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 01/12/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2019](#)

Health, Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2020](#)

Health, Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2021](#)

Health, Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2022](#)

Health, Standard 24/09/2021