

Person with cancer—distant metastasis status, M stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed) code X[XX]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Cancer staging—M stage code
METEOR identifier:	403720
Registration status:	Health , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The absence or presence of distant metastasis in a person with cancer, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—distant metastasis status
Value Domain:	M stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed) code X[XX]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Union against Cancer (UICC) TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 7th edition	
Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	X[XX]	
Maximum character length:	3	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	997	Not applicable
	998	Unknown
	999	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Valid M codes from the current edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours. Refer to the TNM Supplement: A commentary on uniform use, 3rd Edition for coding rules.
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Source and reference attributes

Reference documents:	Wittekind C et al (Editors) 2003. International Union Against Cancer (UICC): TNM supplement: A commentary on uniform use, 3rd edition. Wiley-Blackwell.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record the absence or presence of distant metastasis at the time of diagnosis of the cancer. TNM staging applies to solid tumours excluding brain tumours. Choose the lower (less advanced) M category when there is any uncertainty. The current edition of the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual provides an equivalent and alternative source of M stage codes. Staging classification systems other than the TNM classification system are recorded separately.
Collection methods:	This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.
Comments:	Cancer stage is an important determinant of treatment and prognosis, and is used to evaluate new treatments and analyse outcomes. Survival analysis is adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Cancer Australia
Origin:	International Union Against Cancer (UICC) Commission on Cancer, American College of Surgeons
Reference documents:	Sobin LH, Gospodarowicz MK, Wittekind C (Editors) 2009. International Union Against Cancer (UICC): TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th edition. Wiley-Blackwell American Joint Committee on Cancer 2010. AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 7th edition. New York: Springer American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer

Relational attributes

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