Patient—diagnosis date of cancer, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of diagnosis of cancer
METEOR identifier:	416129
Registration status:	Health, Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The date on which the patient was first diagnosed with cancer (whether at its primary site or as a metastasis), expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—diagnosis date of cancer
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Date of diagnosis must be:

- Greater than or equal to date of birth
- Less than or equal to date of death

Diagnosis of cancer after death:

If the patient is first diagnosed with the cancer in an autopsy report the date of diagnosis is the date of death as stated on the patient's death certificate.

Incidental diagnosis of cancer:

If a patient is admitted for another condition (for example a broken leg or pregnancy), and a cancer is diagnosed incidentally then the date of diagnosis is the date the cancer was diagnostically determined, not the admission date.

Collection methods: Reporting rules:

The date of diagnosis is the date of the pathology report, if any, that first confirmed the diagnosis of cancer. This date may be found attached to a letter of referral or a patient's medical record from another institution or hospital. If this date is unavailable, or if no pathological test was done, then the date may be determined from one of the sources listed in the following sequence:

- Date of the consultation at, or admission to, the hospital, clinic or institution when the cancer was first diagnosed. Note: DO NOT use the admission date of the current admission if the patient had a prior diagnosis of this cancer.
- Date of first diagnosis as stated by a recognised medical practitioner or dentist. Note: This date may be found attached to a letter of referral or a patient's medical record from an institution or hospital.
- Date the patient states they were first diagnosed with cancer. Note: This may be the only date available in a few cases (for example, patient was first diagnosed in a foreign country).

If components of the date are not known, an estimate should be provided with an estimated date flag to indicate that it is estimated. If an estimated date is not possible, a standard date of 15 June 1900 should be used with a flag to indicate the date is not known. Additionally, a date accuracy indicator should be recorded in conjunction with the estimated date.

Comments: Patient administration system, cancer notification system, population cancer statistics, research.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Origin: International Agency for Research on Cancer

World Health Organization

International Association of Cancer Registries

Reference documents: Modified from the definition presented by the New South Wales Inpatient Statistics Collection Manual 2000/2001

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Patient—diagnosis date (cancer), DDMMYYYY
Health, Superseded 07/12/2011

See also Cancer staging—date of cancer staging, DDMMYYYY
Health, Standard 04/02/2015

See also Person with cancer—date of initial primary health care consultation, DDMMYYYY
Health, Standard 04/02/2015

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, Superseded 05/02/2021

Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster
Health, Standard 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 2.1.5–Survival of people diagnosed with cancer, 2019
Health, Superseded 01/12/2020

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 Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 06b-Positive predictive value of diagnostic assessment for detecting colorectal cancer
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 06b-Positive predictive value of diagnostic assessment for detecting colorectal cancer
Health, Standard 06/09/2018

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 07-Interval cancer rate
Health, Standard 06/09/2018

National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 07-Interval cancer rate
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02-Incidence of selected cancers, 2014
Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

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

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