Person with cancer—cytopathology result, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Cytopathology result |
| Synonymous names: | Cytology result |
| METEOR identifier: | 422463 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Definition: | The result of a cytopathology test to verify cancer diagnosis and morphology in a person with cancer, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—cytopathology result](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/422466) |
| Value Domain: | [Cytopathology result code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/424431) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Positive |
|  | 2 | Negative |
|  | 3 | Equivocal |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|  | 9 | Not available |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Positive  A positive result indicates that the cellular abnormality tested for was found. In the case of cancer diagnosis, a positive result indicates malignancy.  CODE 2   Negative  A negative result indicates that the cellular abnormality tested for was not found.  CODE 3   Equivocal  This code should be recorded when the cellular abnormality status could not be determined by the test.  CODE 9   Not available  This code should be recorded when the test results have not been received or could not be accessed. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record the code specifying the positivity or negativity of cytology or cytopathology test results as outlined in the pathology report.  Where multiple tests have been undertaken record each test result separately.  A negative result indicates that no abnormal cells were found in the sample tested. A positive result indicates that there were abnormal cells found in the sample tested.  This includes results of peritoneal washings. |
| Collection methods: | Collected for people with cancer who have undergone a cytology or cytopathology test to help define the proportion of cancer morphologically verified. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia |
| Reference documents: | Gynaecological Cancer DSS Working Group, Cancer Australia. 2010 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Gynaecological cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/421105)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015  [Gynaecological cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/599620)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015 |