

# Person with cancer—tumour size outside primary site, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Tumour size outside primary site
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	424282
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The amount of <a href="#">macroscopic</a> tumour outside of the primary site of cancer in a person with cancer, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—tumour size outside primary site</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Tumour size outside primary site code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Macroscopic disease less than or equal to 2 cm outside the primary tumour site
	2	Macroscopic disease between 2 cm and less than 10 cm outside primary tumour site
	3	Macroscopic disease equal to or greater than 10 cm outside the primary tumour site
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Unknown
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Use the appropriate value to indicate the size of macroscopic disease outside of the primary site of cancer.  CODE 8 Unknown  To be used if records have no indications of procedures (surgery or diagnostic biopsy) or imaging (such as CT scans) that would allow macroscopic spread to be seen.  CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described  To be used if procedures or imaging that allow macroscopic spread to be seen have been undertaken but there is no indication of the size of the tumour outside of the primary site.
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Record the amount of [macroscopic](#) tumour outside of the primary site of cancer for both patients treated initially with surgery and non-surgical cases.

In non-surgical cases, the extent of tumour outside the primary site may be assessed by imaging, for example using a CT scan, or diagnostic procedure, for example an ultrasound guided core biopsy.

**Collection methods:** Collect from pathology reports or patient medical records.

**Comments:** Although tumour size outside the primary site is not used in the staging process, it is a prognostic factor.

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**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

**Reference documents:** Pecorelli, S. 25th Annual Report on the Results of Treatment in Gynecological Cancer. International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics 2003, 83(Supp 1): 1-230  
Cancer Australia Project Working Group, 2010

### Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Gynaecological cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

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