

Person with cancer—synchronous primary tumour site indicator, yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Synchronous primary tumour site
METEOR identifier:	424288
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 05/03/2014
Definition:	An indicator of the existence of synchronous primary tumours in a person with cancer, as represented by a code.
Value Domain:	Yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	3	Unknown
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Record 'yes' if synchronous tumours have been found, 'no' if no synchronous tumours have been found, 'not applicable' if it is not applicable to the person with cancer at the time of recording and 'unknown' if there is not enough information (e.g. not enough testing has been completed) to know whether synchronous tumours exist.</p> <p>Synchronous tumours are histologically distinct cancers in the same organ, or tumours in both sides of a paired organ which are histologically similar, diagnosed within two months of each other. If they are not diagnosed within 2 months of each other they are metachronous and classified separately from each other.</p>
Collection methods:	Collect from patient medical records.
Comments:	A prognostic indicator, which allows for the separation of cases with multiple reportable tumours present at the time of initial diagnosis from cases with subsequent reportable tumours.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: The Surveillance, Epidemiologic, and End Results (SEER), National Cancer Institute, US National Institutes of Health, USA.