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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 05/03/2014 |
| Definition: | An indicator of the existence of [**synchronous primary tumours**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/545438) in a person with cancer, as represented by a code.  |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/306322) |

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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 | Yes |
|   | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 3 | Unknown |
|   | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| 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: | 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. 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. |
| 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. |