

Person—asbestos exposure indicator, yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Asbestos exposure indicator
METEOR identifier:	428199
Registration status:	Health , Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	An indicator of whether a person is known to have been exposed to asbestos , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—asbestos exposure indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/unknown 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:	8	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record whether a person has had known exposure to asbestos whether primary or secondary, occupational or domestic. Primary exposure relates to direct exposure to asbestos, and secondary exposure relates to indirect contact to asbestos (for example the spouse or children of someone who worked with asbestos).
Collection methods:	This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.
Comments:	Asbestos inhalation is implicated in serious respiratory diseases such as asbestosis and pleural fibrosis. Asbestos exposure may increase the risk of lung cancer or mesothelioma and is an important risk factor for survival. It is collected for analysis of survival adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Cancer Australia
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Reference documents: Cancer Council Victoria 2010. Victorian Consensus Data Set: Lung Cancer Data Dictionary. Version 1.0. Melbourne: Cancer Council Victoria

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Fauci AS et al (Editors) 2008. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 17th edition, New York: McGraw-Hill Medical

Relational attributes

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[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

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