Unintentional weight loss indicator

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Property
METEOR identifier:	428806
Registration status:	[Health,](#) Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	An indicator of whether a person experienced unintentional weight loss of greater than 10% in the previous six months. Weight loss is a reduction of the total body mass, due to a mean loss of fluid, body fat or adipose tissue and/or lean mass. It can occur unintentionally due to an underlying disease such as cancer. Patients with medical causes of weight loss usually have signs or symptoms that suggest involvement of a particular organ system.
Property group:	[Impairment characteristic](#)

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

Data Element Concepts implementing this property:	[Person—unintentional weight loss indicator](#) [Health,](#) Standard 08/05/2014