Unintentional weight loss indicator

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 428806 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/525483) |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428838)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |