

# Unintentional weight loss indicator

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Property
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	428806
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>An indicator of whether a person experienced unintentional weight loss of greater than 10% in the previous six months.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Impairment characteristic</a>

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

<b>Data Element Concepts implementing this property:</b>	<a href="#">Person—unintentional weight loss indicator</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
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