Person—unintentional weight loss indicator

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# Person—unintentional weight loss indicator

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 428838 |
| 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 |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Person](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268955) |
| Definition: | A human being. |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Comments: | Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the ‘Person’ Object class was ‘A human being, whether man, woman or child’. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words ‘…whether man, woman or child’ so that a person is defined as ‘A human being’. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are not exclusively male or female. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | Macquarie University 2003. *The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed.* Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd |
| Reference documents: | Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016, <https://www.ag.gov.au/Publications/Pages/AustralianGovernmentGuidelinesontheRecognitionofSexandGender.aspx>ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July 2016, [http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main+Features12016?OpenDocument](http://abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40.nsf/Lookup/1200.0.55.012Main%2BFeatures12016?OpenDocument) |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Unintentional weight loss indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428806) |
| 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) |
| 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 |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Person—unintentional weight loss indicator, yes/no/unknown code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428841)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |