# Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours descriptor, code N

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# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

**Short name:** Multiple primary tumours descriptor

METEOR identifier: 429482

Registration status: Health, Standard 08/05/2014

**Definition:** Whether the multiple primary tumours in the person with cancer are synchronous or

metachronous, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours descriptor

Value Domain: Multiple primary tumours descriptor code N

# Value domain attributes

# Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Value Meaning

**Permissible values:** 1 Synchronous

2 Metachronous

**Supplementary values:** 7 Not applicable, i.e. single primary tumour only

8 Number of primary tumours unknown

9 Multiple primary tumours present, but synchronicity not

stated/inadequately described

# Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Record the appropriate code at diagnosis, then update at the first appearance of a

subsequent second primary where multiple tumours are discovered.

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

Reference documents: Breathnach OS & Skarin AT 2009. Multiple primary lung cancers. Wolters Kluwer

Health, UpToDate Inc., Waltham, MA. Viewed 8 March 2011, http://www.uptodate.com/contents/multiple-primary-lung-cancers

## Data element attributes

# Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Synchronous primary tumours are detected simultaneously, either preoperatively or

in the resected specimen.

Metachronous primary tumours are detected after a time interval between detection

of the first lesion and detection of a subsequent primary lesion.

**Collection methods:** This information should be sought from the patient's pathology report and medical

record.

Comments: Patients with multiple primary tumours may have a worse prognosis or more

> extensive treatment than patients with a single tumour. In addition, the management and prognosis when multiple primary tumours are present may vary depending on

whether the tumours are synchronous or metachronous.

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#### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours indicator, yes/no code N

Health, Standard 08/05/2014

Implementation in Data Set Gynaecological cancer (clinical) DSS Health, Superseded 14/05/2015

**Specifications:** 

Conditional obligation: This data element is to be recorded if Person with cancer -multiple primary tumours indicator, yes/no code N indicates the presence of multiple primary tumours.

Gynaecological cancer (clinical) NBPDS Health, Standard 14/05/2015

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