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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/429475) |
| Value Domain: | [Multiple primary tumours descriptor code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/429470) |

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| 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 |

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| 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. |

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| 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> |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519548)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Gynaecological cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/421105)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015  ***Conditional obligation:*** This data element is to be recorded if [Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519548) indicates the presence of multiple primary tumours.  [Gynaecological cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/599620)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015  ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is to be recorded if [Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519548) indicates the presence of multiple primary tumours.  [Lung cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430950)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015  ***Conditional obligation:*** This data element is to be recorded if [Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519548) indicates the presence of multiple primary tumours.  [Lung cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/599613)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015  ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is to be recorded if [Person with cancer—multiple primary tumours indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519548) indicates the presence of multiple primary tumours. |