

# Cancer treatment—distance of closest surgical margin

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

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**Definition:** The distance of the closest surgical margin from the invasive or in situ carcinoma after surgical cancer treatment.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Cancer treatment](#)

**Definition:** The course of cancer-directed treatment or treatments, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, given to the patient by a treatment provider or team of providers.

This may include cancer-directed surgical treatment, radiation therapy and systemic agent therapy for cancer. It applies to the primary course of cancer treatment, treatment administered to the patient in response to disease progression or treatment administered to the patient in response to disease recurrence.

**Specialisation of:** [Service/care event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998)

Commission on Cancer, Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (2002)

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Distance of closest surgical margin](#)

**Definition:** The distance in millimetres of the closest surgical margin from the invasive or in situ carcinoma.

Surgical margins represent sites that have either been cut or bluntly dissected by the surgeon to resect the specimen.

**Property group:** [Location characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia.

## Data element concept attributes

## Relational attributes

**Data Elements  
implementing this Data  
Element Concept:**

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