Person with cancer—psychosocial services type, code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Psychosocial services referral type |
| METEOR identifier: | 431257 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Definition: | The type of psychosocial service a person with cancer is referred to as part of their cancer treatment or follow-up, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—psychosocial services type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/520019) |
| Value Domain: | [Psychosocial services type code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430759) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Psychiatrist |
|  | 2 | Psychologist |
|  | 3 | Social worker |
|  | 4 | Specialist nurse or nurse counsellor |
|  | 5 | Cancer or volunteer support group |
|  | 6 | Individual peer support |
|  | 7 | Counsellor or bereavement counsellor |
|  | 8 | Pastoral care |
|  | 9 | Community services |
| Supplementary values: | 97 | Not applicable-patient not referred to psychosocial services |
|  | 98 | Unknown whether patient referred to psychosocial services |
|  | 99 | Patient referred to psychosocial services but type not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record the psychosocial service a person with cancer was referred to. Where multiple psychosocial services were referred to, this item should be recorded multiple times.  Pastoral care refers to counselling provided by pastors, chaplains, clergy and other religious leaders or spiritual advisors. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia |
| Reference documents: | Cancer Institute NSW & NSW Health Department 2006. NSW clinical cancer registration: minimum data set data dictionary, version 1.9. Sydney: Cancer Institute NSW |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record the psychosocial service a person with cancer was referred to. Where multiple psychosocial services were referred to, this item should be recorded multiple times.  Referral to psychosocial services will generally come from a person with cancer's primary treatment clinician or GP.  The person diagnosed with cancer experiences a range of practical, psychological, physical and emotional difficulties. For example, these may include coping with the shock of their diagnosis and fears over their health and future. They may experience physical symptoms and treatment-related adverse effects such as nausea, fatigue and a general decline in functioning. There may be changes in their role and family functioning, occupational or employment status, and financial status. Some will have to come to terms with progressive illness and approaching death.  The opportunity to access psychosocial services may be limited for some patients by local circumstances and the availability of resources such as access to psychiatrists, clinical psychologists or specialist oncology nurses. |
| Collection methods: | This information should be sought from the patient's medical record. |
| Comments: | This information is used to evaluate the quality of psychosocial care for patients with cancer, and may have implications for access to, and the provision of, cancer services. |
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| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia |
| Reference documents: | National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre and National Cancer Control Initiative 2003. Clinical practice guidelines for the psychosocial care of adults with cancer. Camperdown, NSW: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre  Cancer Institute NSW & NSW Health Department 2006. NSW clinical cancer registration: minimum data set data dictionary, version 1.9. Sydney: Cancer Institute NSW |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Person with cancer—date of referral to psychosocial services, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/448664)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Lung cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/430950)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015  [Lung cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/599613)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015 |