

# Person with cancer—referral to palliative care services indicator

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

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**Definition:** An indicator of whether a person with cancer has been referred to [palliative care](#) services as part of their cancer treatment or follow-up.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Person with cancer](#)

**Definition:** A person who has been diagnosed with a cancer.

**Specialisation of:** [Person/group of persons](#)

### Source and reference attributes

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

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Referral to palliative care services indicator](#)

**Definition:** An indicator of whether a patient has been referred to [palliative care](#) services.

Referral to palliative care services is referral to palliative care administered by palliative care specialists such as a palliative care team or palliative physician. Palliative care may be administered in a community setting, for example, the patient's home or a nursing home, in the palliative care unit of an acute hospital or a hospice.

**Property group:** [Referral event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

**Reference documents:** National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre (NBOCC) and National Cancer Control Initiative (NCCI) 2003. Clinical practice guidelines for the psychosocial care of adults with cancer. Camperdown, NSW: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

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

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