

Person with cancer— referral to palliative care services indicator, yes/no/unknown code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral to palliative care services indicator
Synonymous names:	Supportive care, symptomatic care
METEOR identifier:	431284
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	An indicator of whether the person with cancer was referred to palliative care services as part of their cancer treatment or follow-up, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—referral to palliative care services indicator

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	N						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Yes	2	No
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Record whether the patient was 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.

The point of transition to palliative care is when treatment goals become focussed on improving quality of life. However, the transition does not imply a discontinuation of active care or abandonment from treating cancer team.

Collection methods: This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.

Comments: This information is used to evaluate the quality of care for patients with cancer, and may have implications for access to, and the provision of, cancer services.

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 & National Cancer Control Initiative

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Person with cancer—date of referral to palliative care services, DDDMMYYYY](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
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[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

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