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

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## 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: 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: Yes/no/unknown code N

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: Naximum character length: 1

Value Meaning

Permissible values: 1 Yes

2 No

Supplementary values: 8 Unknown

#### 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 See also Person with cancer—date of referral to palliative care services,

references: DDMMYYYY

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