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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether the person with cancer was referred to  [**palliative care**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/522938) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/431279) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/unknown code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/428208) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 8 | Unknown |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record whether the patient was referred to [**palliative care**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/522938) 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, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/447391)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Adolescent and young adult cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/432097)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/05/2015  [Adolescent and young adult cancer (clinical) NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/599629)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 14/05/2015  [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 |