

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Referral to palliative care services indicator
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Supportive care, symptomatic care
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	431284
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether the person with cancer was referred to <a href="#">palliative care</a> services as part of their cancer treatment or follow-up, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—referral to palliative care services indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/unknown code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Unknown

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Record whether the patient was referred to <a href="#">palliative care</a> 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.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.
<b>Comments:</b>	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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
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**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](#)  
[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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