

# Basis of diagnostic investigation

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Property

**METEOR identifier:** 431353

**Registration status:**

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**Definition:** The basis of diagnostic investigation at the time of first presentation.

This relates to whether the patient was symptomatic at the time of first presentation, and if not, what first initiated the process of investigations leading to diagnosis.

A symptom is any morbid phenomenon or departure from the normal in structure, function or sensation experienced by the patient and indicative of disease.

**Property group:** [Service provision event](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

**Reference documents:** Stedman TL 2006. Stedman's Medical Dictionary. 28th edition. Maryland: Lippincott Williams & Wilkin

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this property:** [Person with cancer—basis of diagnostic investigation](#)

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