

# Person with cancer—basis of diagnostic investigation, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Basis of diagnostic investigation
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	431369
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The basis of diagnostic investigation of a person with cancer at the time of first presentation, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—basis of diagnostic investigation</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Basis of diagnostic investigation 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	Symptomatic
	2	Asymptomatic - diagnosis incidental
	3	Asymptomatic - diagnosis via opportunistic screening
	4	Asymptomatic - diagnosis via organised screening
	5	Asymptomatic - investigations leading to diagnosis not stated/inadequately described
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Unknown whether patient symptomatic or asymptomatic

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>CODE 1 Symptomatic</p> <p>When an individual was diagnosed after seeking examination or treatment for a symptom related to the disease.</p> <p>CODE 2 Asymptomatic - diagnosis incidental</p> <p>The diagnosis of a disease during examinations, tests or other procedures for a purpose other than diagnosis of the specific disease.</p> <p>CODE 3 Asymptomatic - diagnosis via opportunistic screening:</p> <p>When the disease is diagnosed using screening tests that are offered to people who are being examined for other reasons. This is generally the detection of specific diseases that can be controlled better when detected early in their natural history in individuals or groups who may be predisposed to that disease, for example, individuals with particular risk factors.</p> <p>CODE 4 Asymptomatic - diagnosis via organised screening:</p> <p>The detection of unrecognised diseases or conditions in a specific population of people by using reliable tests, examinations or other procedures which can be applied rapidly as part of an organised screening program.</p> <p>CODE 5 Asymptomatic - investigations leading to diagnosis not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>If the patient is described as asymptomatic, but the event that first initiated the process of investigations leading to diagnosis is unknown.</p>
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Record the basis of diagnostic investigations for a person with cancer at the time of first presentation to a clinician for investigations.</p> <p>Outline whether the patient was symptomatic, and if the patient was asymptomatic, record the event that first initiated the process of investigations leading to diagnosis.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.
<b>Comments:</b>	This information is used in clinical and population health research.

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>Stedman TL 2006. Stedman's Medical Dictionary. 28th edition. Maryland: Lippincott Williams &amp; Wilkins</p> <p>The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners 2009. Guidelines for preventive activities in general practice (7th edition). South Melbourne: The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners</p>

### Relational attributes

<b>Implementation in Data Set Specifications:</b>	<p><a href="#">Lung cancer (clinical) DSS Health</a>, Superseded 14/05/2015</p> <p><a href="#">Lung cancer (clinical) NBPDS Health</a>, Standard 14/05/2015</p>
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