Person with cancer—basis of diagnostic investigation, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Basis of diagnostic investigation
METEOR identifier:	431369
Registration status:	Health, Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	The basis of diagnostic investigation of a person with cancer at the time of first presentation, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—basis of diagnostic investigation
Value Domain:	Basis of diagnostic investigation code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	8	Unknown whether patient symptomatic or asymptomatic

Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | CODE 1 Symptomatic |
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When an individual was diagnosed after seeking examination or treatment for a symptom related to the disease.

CODE 2 Asymptomatic - diagnosis incidental

The diagnosis of a disease during examinations, tests or other procedures for a purpose other than diagnosis of the specific disease.

CODE 3 Asymptomatic - diagnosis via opportunistic screening:

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.

CODE 4 Asymptomatic - diagnosis via organised screening:

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.

CODE 5 Asymptomatic - investigations leading to diagnosis not stated/inadequately described

If the patient is described as asymptomatic, but the event that first initiated the process of investigations leading to diagnosis is unknown.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record the basis of diagnostic investigations for a person with cancer at the time of first presentation to a clinician for investigations.
	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.
Collection methods:	This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.
Comments:	This information is used in clinical and population health research.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Cancer Australia
Reference documents:	Stedman TL 2006. Stedman's Medical Dictionary. 28th edition. Maryland: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins
	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

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Lung cancer (clinical) DSS
	Health, Superseded 14/05/2015
	Lung cancer (clinical) NBPDS
	Health, Standard 14/05/2015