

# Comorbidities

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Property

**METEOR identifier:** 432968

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

**Definition:** A pathologic or disease process concomitant with but unrelated to the primary disease. For example, a person diagnosed with lung cancer may also have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

**Property group:** [Illness and/or Injury event](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Stedman TL 2006. Stedman's Medical Dictionary. 28th edition. Maryland: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, page 417

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this property:** [Person with cancer—comorbidities](#)

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