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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 433045 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Definition: | The orientation of the surgical margin that is closest to the invasive or in situ carcinoma.  Surgical margins represent sites that have either been cut or bluntly dissected by the surgeon to resect the specimen.  The distance and orientation of the closest margin is useful for surgical audit and for assessing the completeness of surgical resection. Margin involvement may influence treatment decisions and is a prognostic indicator. |
| Property group: | [Location characteristics](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274653) |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Cancer Australia |
| Reference documents: | National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre 2009. Breast cancer specific data items for clinical cancer registration. Surry Hills, NSW: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre |
| Relational attributes | |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this property: | [Cancer treatment—surgical margin qualifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/433050)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |