

Cancer treatment—surgical margin qualifier

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Definition: The orientation of the surgical margin that is closest to the invasive or in situ carcinoma after surgical cancer treatment.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Cancer treatment](#)

Definition: The course of cancer-directed treatment or treatments, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, given to the patient by a treatment provider or team of providers.

This may include cancer-directed surgical treatment, radiation therapy and systemic agent therapy for cancer. It applies to the primary course of cancer treatment, treatment administered to the patient in response to disease progression or treatment administered to the patient in response to disease recurrence.

Specialisation of: [Service/care event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998)

Commission on Cancer, Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (2002)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Surgical margin qualifier](#)

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](#)

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

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

**Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:**

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