

Person with cancer—date of referral to palliative care services, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of referral to palliative care services
Synonymous names:	Supportive care; Symptomatic care
METEOR identifier:	447391
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	The date on which a person with cancer was referred to palliative care services, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—date of referral to palliative care services

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Record the date on which a person with cancer was referred to palliative care services.</p> <p>Referral to palliative care will generally come from a person with cancer's primary treatment clinician or GP.</p> <p>If the patient is receiving palliative care but no referral date can be identified, record the date of the first account of receipt of palliative care as the date of referral.</p> <p>Referral to palliative care services is referral to palliative care administered by palliative care specialists such as a palliative care team or palliative physician. Palliative care may be administered in a community setting, for example, the patient's home or a nursing home, in the palliative care unit of an acute hospital, or a hospice.</p> <p>The date of referral must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• greater than or equal to the date of diagnosis;• greater than the date of birth; and• less than or equal to the date of death.
Collection methods:	This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.
Comments:	This information is used to evaluate the quality of care for patients with cancer, and may have implications for access to, and the provision of, cancer services.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre (NBOCC) and National Cancer Control Initiative (NCCI) 2003. Clinical practice guidelines for the psychosocial care of adults with cancer. Camperdown, NSW: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre & National Cancer Control Initiative

Cancer Institute NSW 2006. NSW clinical cancer registration: minimum data set data dictionary, Version 1.9. Everleigh: Cancer Institute NSW

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Cancer treatment—specialist support services date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—specialist support services indicator, yes/no/unknown code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 04/02/2015

See also [Person with cancer—referral to palliative care services indicator, yes/no/unknown code N](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

Conditional obligation:

Complete if [Person with cancer—referral to palliative care services indicator, yes/no/unknown code N](#) equals 'yes'.

[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 14/05/2015

Conditional obligation:

Complete if [Person with cancer—referral to palliative care services indicator, yes/no/unknown code N](#) equals 'yes'.

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on patient referral to palliative care services.

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 14/05/2015

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