

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Date of referral to palliative care services
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Supportive care; Symptomatic care
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	447391
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which a person with cancer was referred to <a href="#">palliative care</a> services, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—date of referral to palliative care services</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Record the date on which a person with cancer was referred to <a href="#">palliative care</a> 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"><li>• greater than or equal to the date of diagnosis;</li><li>• greater than the date of birth; and</li><li>• less than or equal to the date of death.</li></ul>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	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 \(clinical\) DSS Health, 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 \(clinical\) NBPDS Health, 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 \(clinical\) DSS Health, Superseded 14/05/2015](#)  
**Conditional obligation:** Conditional on patient referral to palliative care services.  
[Lung cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS Health, Standard 14/05/2015](#)  
**Conditional obligation:**  
Conditional on patient referral to palliative care services.