Patient—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Radiotherapy start date |
| METEOR identifier: | 448147 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/12/2011 |
| Definition: | The date on which a patient commences a  [**course of radiotherapy treatment**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/448151), expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Patient—radiotherapy start date](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/448145) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This item should be used when collecting information about service volumes for the purpose of calculating radiotherapy waiting times. If collecting radiotherapy start date to examine cancer patient care for safety and quality monitoring and other public health purposes use  [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393497). |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/561469)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014  See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/393497)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 08/05/2014  See also [Person with cancer—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/555794)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015  See also [Person with cancer—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/663464)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/447921)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013 ***Conditional obligation:*** Every record must contain either this item or [Health service event—first service contact date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/447930).  [Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2013-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517220)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015  [Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/579304)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2018-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/686202)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | [National Healthcare Agreement PIa: Proportion of emergency radiotherapy treatment started within the emergency timeframe](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/595028)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 12/01/2016  [National Healthcare Agreement PIb: Waiting times for non-emergency radiotherapy](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/594454)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 12/01/2016 |