Date of referral to palliative care services

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 448608 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |
| Definition: | The date a patient is referred to palliative care services.  Palliative care is defined as the active total care of patients whose disease is not responsive to curative treatment and may include the control of pain and other symptoms, and of psychological, social and spiritual support.  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. |
| Property group: | [Referral event](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274659) |

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| 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 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this property: | [Person with cancer—date of referral to palliative care services](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/447394)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/05/2014 |