

Person with cancer—date of referral to psychosocial services, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of referral to psychosocial services
METEOR identifier:	448664
Registration status:	Health , Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	The date on which a person with cancer is referred to psychosocial services , expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—date of referral to psychosocial services
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

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:

Record the date the patient was first referred to psychosocial services.

If the patient is receiving psychosocial care but no referral date can be identified, record the date of the first account of receipt of psychosocial care as the date of referral.

Psychosocial services provide emotional and social support for patients and may, for example:

- provide information
- minimise the social and psychological impact of cancer on the patient and their family
- integrate quality-of-life issues into the care of patients with cancer
- develop strategies for the identification and management of patients experiencing significant emotional distress

Psychosocial care may be provided by the following individuals, programs or services:

- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social worker
- Specialist nurse or nurse counsellor
- Cancer or volunteer support group
- Individual peer support
- Counsellor or bereavement counsellor
- Pastoral care (refers to counselling provided by pastors, chaplains, clergy and other religious leaders or spiritual advisors)
- Community services

The opportunity to access psychosocial services may be limited for some patients by local circumstances and the availability of resources such as access to psychiatrists, clinical psychologists or specialist oncology nurses.

Collection methods:

This information should be sought from the patient's medical record.

Comments:

This information is used to evaluate the quality of psychosocial 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 and National Cancer Control Initiative 2003. Clinical practice guidelines for the psychosocial care of adults with cancer. Camperdown, NSW: National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre

Cancer Institute NSW 2006. NSW clinical cancer registration: minimum data set data dictionary, version 1.9. Sydney: Cancer Institute NSW

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Person with cancer—psychosocial services type, code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

Conditional obligation: Conditional on patient referral to psychosocial services.

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

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