

Comorbidities code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	458079
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 10/04/2014
Definition:	A code set representing diseases or conditions present at diagnosis and defined as comorbidities relevant to cancer.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Cardiovascular
	2	Respiratory
	3	Diabetes mellitis
	4	Renal insufficiency
	8	Other
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable-no comorbidities present
	98	Unknown whether comorbidities are present
	99	Comorbidities are present but type not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record each comorbid condition present in the patient at the time of diagnosis for cancer.
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Collection Methods: CODE 1 Cardiovascular

Defined as the presence of one or more of the following:

- congestive heart failure,
- ischaemic cardiopathy with/without myocardial infarction
- severe valvular cardiopathy
- arrhythmia requiring chronic treatment
- history of cerebrovascular disease
- hypertension and/or peripheral vascular disease

CODE 2 Respiratory

Defined as the presence of one or more of the following:

- history of tuberculosis
- history of pleural effusion or pneumonia
- asthma
- pulmonary embolism
- chronic pulmonary insufficiency (as defined by a chronic hypoxemia less than 60 mmHg and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) inducing a FEV₁ less than 1.5l)

CODE 3 Diabetes mellitis

Defined as diabetes treated with either oral hypoglycaemics or insulin

CODE 4 Renal insufficiency

Defined as a creatinine clearance lower than 60 ml min

CODE 8 Other

Any relevant comorbidity not specified above.

Comments: Comorbidities may be an important variable in treatment decisions and prognosis.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia.

Reference documents: Colinet, B; Jacot, W et al 2005. A new simplified comorbidity score as a prognostic factor in non-small-cell lung cancer patients: description and comparison with the Charlson's index. British Journal of Cancer 93:1098-1105.

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person with cancer—comorbidities, code N\[N\] Health](#), Recorded 10/04/2014