

Person with cancer—comorbidities, text X[X(99)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Cancer comorbidities description
METEOR identifier:	463562
Registration status:	Health , Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	A comorbidity present in the person with cancer at the time of cancer diagnoses, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—comorbidities
Value Domain:	Text X[X(99)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(99)]
Maximum character length:	100

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: If a comorbidity is present at the time of diagnosis of cancer that is not specified in [Person with cancer—comorbidities, code N\[N\]](#), record the comorbidity in text.

The term comorbidities is generally used with cancer patients to refer to conditions not related to the cancer, and in epidemiology to indicate the coexistence of two or more disease processes.

The presence of comorbidities in a patient may affect treatment decisions and be an important prognostic determinant. For example, they may be used to adjust outcome statistics when evaluating patient survival and other outcomes.

Collection methods: Collect from patient medical records.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Person with cancer—comorbidities, code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Recorded 10/04/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

Conditional obligation: Complete when [Person with cancer—comorbidities, Colinet defined comorbidities code N\[N\]](#) equals 'other'.

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