

Person with cancer—tumour focality indicator, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Tumour focality indicator
METEOR identifier:	495313
Registration status:	Health , Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	Whether multiple tumour foci are present in a single cancer primary in a person with cancer, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person with cancer—tumour focality indicator
METEOR identifier:	495286
Registration status:	Health , Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	Whether multiple tumour foci are present in a single cancer primary in a person with cancer.
Object class:	Person with cancer
Property:	Tumour focality indicator

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Cancer Australia
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Tumour focality code N
METEOR identifier:	495297
Registration status:	Health , Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	A code set outlining whether multiple tumour foci are present in a single primary.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Unifocal
	2	Multifocal
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Unifocal refers to the primary tumour having a single foci of cancer cells, and multifocal refers to the primary tumour having two or more foci of cancer cells. Definitions of focality in relation to spread are specific to the cancer site.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Record whether multiple tumour foci reported as a single primary are present in a person with cancer as outlined by a code. When a primary tumour has a single foci of cancer cells record "unifocal". When a primary tumour has two or more foci of cancer cells record "multifocal".

For a tumour to be recorded as a multifocal tumour of a single primary cancer the tumour foci are required to have the same histology. Details regarding this coding for varying tumour sites is available in the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 3rd Edition (ICD-O-3).

This should be recorded from pathology reports after surgery.

Collection methods: Collect from pathology reports.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prostate cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)
Health, Standard 14/05/2015

DSS specific information:

Record this item in relation to surgical pathology only.