

# Cancer treatment—brachytherapy indicator, yes/no code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Brachytherapy indicator
Synonymous names:	Brachytherapy modality
METEOR identifier:	496349
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	An indicator of whether <a href="#">brachytherapy</a> was administered during the initial course of treatment for cancer, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Cancer treatment—radiotherapy treatment type</a>
METEOR identifier:	561519
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	The type of <a href="#">radiotherapy</a> administered during the course of treatment for cancer.
Object class:	<a href="#">Cancer treatment</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Radiotherapy treatment type</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Yes/no code N</a>
METEOR identifier:	270732
Registration status:	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a> , Recorded 09/08/2023 <a href="#">Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board</a> , Standard 30/08/2022 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 27/04/2007 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 21/05/2010 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 16/09/2014 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 27/05/2020 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A code set representing 'yes' and 'no'.

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Boolean
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>Record whether brachytherapy was administered during the initial course of treatment for cancer.</p> <p>Brachytherapy is delivered by placing the radiation source in close proximity to the tumour site. The radioactive isotopes are sealed in tiny pellets or “seeds” which are placed in the body using delivery devices such as needles or catheters. Types include interstitial brachytherapy, which uses a source placed within tumour tissue, for example, within a prostate tumour; and intracavitary brachytherapy, whereby the source is placed within a surgical cavity or a body cavity. Brachytherapy can involve the temporary or permanent placement of radioactive sources.</p> <p>Brachytherapy is likely to be delivered to admitted patients.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	The radiotherapy treatment modality will typically be found in the radiation oncologist's summary letter for the initial course of treatment or in the radiotherapy treatment summary in the patient's medical record.
<b>Comments:</b>	To evaluate patterns of radiotherapy care and analyse patient outcomes, it is necessary to know which treatment modalities were employed in the delivery of treatment.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer</p> <p>American College of Surgeons 1998. Standards of the Commission on Cancer: Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS), Volume II. Commission on Cancer</p> <p>Cancer Institute NSW 2006. NSW Clinical Cancer Registration: Minimum Data Set Data Dictionary, version 1.9 draft</p>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

See also [Cancer treatment—brachytherapy dose rate, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 04/02/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—radiation dose administered, total Gray N\[NN.NN\]](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy completion date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy fractions administered, total fractions  
N\[N\]](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy target site, code N\[N\]](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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