

Patient—colonoscope depth, anatomical site within the bowel code XX[XX]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Colonoscope depth
METEOR identifier:	530159
Registration status:	Health , Standard 29/08/2014
Definition:	The depth to which a colonoscope was inserted into the patient as part of a colonoscopy, as represented as a code.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—colonoscope depth
Value Domain:	Anatomical site within the colon code XX[XX]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	XX[XX]
Maximum character length:	4

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	TI	Terminal ileum
	CAEC	Caecum
	ASC	Ascending colon
	HEP	Hepatic flexure
	TRAN	Transverse colon
	SPLN	Splenic flexure
	DESC	Descending colon
	SIG	Sigmoid colon
Supplementary values:	RECT	Rectum
	99	Not stated or unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Locations within the colon are listed in order from the start point at the junction with the small intestine, to the anus. Locations can be used by clinicians to note the sites of any abnormalities discovered.

TI Terminal ileum

The terminal ileum is the end of the small intestine.

CAEC Caecum

The caecum is the pouch where the large intestine begins. It is where the ileum opens from one side and continues with the colon.

ASC Ascending colon

The ascending colon is located along the right side of the abdominal cavity.

HEP Hepatic flexure

The hepatic flexure is on the right side of the body near the liver and connects the ascending colon and the transverse colon.

TRAN Transverse colon

The transverse colon is the large part of the colon that attaches the ascending colon to the descending colon by crossing the abdominal cavity.

SPLN Splenic flexure

The splenic flexure is the sharp bend of the colon where the transverse colon joins the descending colon. It is located under the spleen.

DESC Descending colon

The descending colon is located on the left abdominal wall to the pelvic region.

SIG Sigmoid colon

The sigmoid colon is the part of the colon that forms an angle medially from the pelvis to form an S-shaped curve.

RECT Rectum

The rectum is a short, muscular tube that forms the lowest portion of the large intestine and connects it to the anus.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Colonoscopic procedures should aim to visualise the complete colon. A complete colonoscopy is noted if the proceduralist has recorded the depth of insertion as reaching the caecum (considered to be the start of the colon).

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Patient—cancer diagnostic assessment type, bowel cancer code N Health](#), Standard 29/08/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Bowel cancer diagnostic assessment cluster](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

Conditional obligation: Reporting of this data element is conditional upon answering 'Colonoscopy' to the [Person—cancer diagnostic assessment type, bowel cancer code N](#) data element.

[Bowel cancer diagnostic assessment cluster](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

Conditional obligation:

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[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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