

# Cancer treatment—chemotherapy start date

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	561271
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 08/05/2014</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The start date of <a href="#">chemotherapy</a> administered during the course of treatment for cancer.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>The course of cancer-directed treatment or treatments, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, given to the patient by a treatment provider or team of providers.</p> <p>This may include cancer-directed surgical treatment, radiation therapy and systemic agent therapy for cancer. It applies to the primary course of cancer treatment, treatment administered to the patient in response to disease progression or treatment administered to the patient in response to disease recurrence.</p>
<b>Specialisation of:</b>	<a href="#">Service/care event</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	<p>Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998)</p> <p>Commission on Cancer, Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (2002)</p>

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Chemotherapy start date</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>The date on which chemotherapy commenced.</p> <p>Chemotherapy is the treatment of disease by means of chemical substances or drugs; usually used in reference to neoplastic disease. Chemotherapy for the treatment of cancer achieves its antitumour effect through the use of antineoplastic drugs that inhibit the reproduction of cancer cells by interfering with DNA synthesis and mitosis.</p> <p>Chemotherapy may involve treatment with a single agent or a combination of two or more drugs that are administered in treatment cycles and according to a prespecified regimen or protocol.</p>
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Entry into service event</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
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**Reference documents:** Stedman TL 2006. Stedman's Medical Dictionary, 28th Edition. Maryland: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins page 358

American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2011 revision. Commission on Cancer page 26

## Data element concept attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Cancer treatment—chemotherapy start date](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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