

Cancer treatment— chemotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Chemotherapy start date
METEOR identifier:	561273
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	The start date of chemotherapy administered during the course of treatment for cancer, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Cancer treatment—chemotherapy start date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Chemotherapy is cancer treatment that achieves its antitumour effect through the use of antineoplastic drugs that inhibit the reproduction of cancer cells by interfering with DNA synthesis and mitosis.

Record the first or earliest date chemotherapy was administered during the course of treatment.

The start date of the chemotherapy is recorded regardless of whether the course of treatment is completed as intended, and regardless of the intent or timing of chemotherapy.

Multiple entries are not permitted.

Dates relating to targeted therapies using a chemotherapy agent are included. Targeted therapies are treatments that use drugs or other substances to identify and attack specific cancer cells.

Dates of surgery, radiotherapy and other systemic treatments are collected as separate items. However, if a patient receives treatment with a protocol that includes different types of systemic therapy agents, for example, a chemotherapy agent and a hormone therapy agent, record the start date of treatment in both relevant data items.

Collection methods: The information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.

Comments: Collecting the start and finish dates for treatment modalities will enable an estimate of treatment duration.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Origin: American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer

American College of Surgeons 1998. Standards of the Commission on Cancer: Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS), Volume II. Commission on Cancer

Relational attributes

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—chemotherapy completion date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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

See also [Cancer treatment—chemotherapy cycles administered, number of cycles N\[NN\]](#)

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

See also [Cancer treatment—systemic therapy agent or protocol, text X\[X\(149\)\]](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Chemotherapy for cancer cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

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