

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:	<p>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.</p> <p>Record the first or earliest date chemotherapy was administered during the course of treatment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Multiple entries are not permitted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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: 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

Supersedes [Cancer treatment—chemotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 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