

# Cancer treatment—chemotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Chemotherapy start date
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	561273
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The start date of <a href="#">chemotherapy</a> administered during the course of treatment for cancer, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment—chemotherapy start date</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<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>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	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