

Cancer treatment—systemic therapy agent or protocol

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

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Registration status:

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

Definition: The systemic therapy agent or protocol administered during the course of treatment for cancer.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Cancer treatment](#)

Definition: 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.

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.

Specialisation of: [Service/care event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998)

Commission on Cancer, Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (2002)

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Systemic therapy agent or protocol](#)

Definition: The systemic therapy agent or protocol used for treatment.

Systemic therapy agents are drugs that travel through the bloodstream and reach and effect cells all over the body. They are administered orally or intravenously.

Systemic therapy agents may be administered as single-agent treatments or as a combination of drugs administered according to a prespecified regimen or protocol. A protocol is a precise and detailed plan for therapy that includes the type, quantity, method and length of time of taking the drugs required for any treatment cycle.

Systemic therapy agents are encompassed in the treatment modalities [chemotherapy](#), [immunotherapy](#) and [hormone therapy](#) administered for the treatment of cancer.

Property group: [Service provision event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer, 28D-28E

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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