

# Cancer treatment—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Radiotherapy start date—cancer treatment
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	561469
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The start date of the <a href="#">radiotherapy</a> administered during the course of treatment for cancer, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment—radiotherapy 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>Record the first or earliest date radiotherapy commenced for all courses of radiotherapy administered during the course of treatment.</p> <p>The patient may receive more than one course of radiotherapy during the course of treatment. For example, in the treatment of cancer, radiotherapy may be administered to the primary site and the site of a distant metastasis. Record the start date for each course of treatment.</p> <p>The start date of radiotherapy is recorded regardless of whether the course of treatment is completed as intended, and regardless of the intent or timing of treatment.</p> <p>Record the start date for radiotherapy administered as external beam radiotherapy or brachytherapy. Do not include radiotherapy with unsealed radioisotopes.</p> <p>This item should be used when collecting information about cancer patient care for safety and quality monitoring and other public health purposes. If collecting radiotherapy start date to examine service volumes for the purpose of calculating radiotherapy waiting times use <i>Patient—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY</i>.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	The radiotherapy commencement date(s) will typically be found in the radiation oncologist's summary letter for the course of treatment or in the radiotherapy treatment summary in 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 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—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—brachytherapy dose rate, code N Health](#), Standard 04/02/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—radiation dose administered, total Gray N\[NN.NN\] Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy completion date, DDMMYYYY Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy fractions administered, total fractions N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy target site, code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy treatment type, code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Patient—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011

See also [Person with cancer—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

See also [Person with cancer—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY WA Health](#), Standard 01/06/2017

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