

# Radiotherapy treatment type code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	561509
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the type of <a href="#">radiotherapy</a> treatment given.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	External beam radiotherapy only
	2	Brachytherapy only
	3	Unsealed radioisotopes only
	4	External beam radiotherapy and brachytherapy
	5	External beam radiotherapy and unsealed radioisotopes
	6	Brachytherapy and unsealed radioisotopes
	7	External beam radiotherapy, brachytherapy and unsealed radioisotopes
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable-radiotherapy was not administered
	98	Unknown whether radiotherapy was administered
	99	Radiotherapy was administered but the treatment type not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** More than one radiotherapy treatment type may be delivered during the course of treatment; select the appropriate code value.

The difference between the types of radiotherapy relates to the position of the radiation source:

- External beam radiotherapy (EBRT) is delivered by directing the radiation at the tumour from outside the body
- Brachytherapy or sealed source radiotherapy is delivered by placing the radiation source in close proximity to the tumour site
- Unsealed radioisotopes or systemic radioisotope therapy is delivered by infusion into the bloodstream or by ingestion and is a form of targeted therapy.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
<b>Reference documents:</b>	DeVita VT, Hellman S, Rosenberg SA 2005. Cancer: Principles and practice of oncology, 7th edition. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Radiotherapy treatment type code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

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