

Radiotherapy treatment type code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	561509
Registration status:	Health , Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	A code set representing the type of radiotherapy treatment given.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	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

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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Data elements implementing this value domain:

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