

Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Surgery target site
METEOR identifier:	561567
Registration status:	Health , Standard 08/05/2014
Definition:	The target site of cancer-directed surgery performed during the course of treatment for cancer, as represented by an ICD-O-3 code.
Data Element Concept:	Cancer treatment—surgery target site
Value Domain:	Topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN.N
Maximum character length:	5

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Record all four alphanumeric characters of the topography code. The number after the decimal point represents the subsite or subcategory.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The target site is collected for all cancer-directed surgery performed during the course of treatment.</p> <p>Cancer-directed surgery refers to all surgery that destroys or modifies cancer tissue anywhere in the body.</p> <p>Cancer-directed surgery may be palliative, (to control symptoms, alleviate pain, or make the patient more comfortable), or curative.</p> <p>Target sites for biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are to be recorded here.</p> <p>All sites or regions targeted for cancer-directed surgery during the course of treatment should be recorded. There may be more than one site targeted for treatment. For example, the primary tumour site and the site of a distant metastasis may receive cancer-directed surgery as part of the course of treatment.</p> <p>The target site for radiotherapy is collected as a separate item.</p>
Collection methods:	This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.

Comments: This is collected to identify which anatomical structures are targeted by surgery and is useful in evaluating patterns of care and patient outcomes.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: 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—surgery target site, topography code \(ICD-O-3\) ANN.N](#)
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