

Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code (ACHI 8th edn) NNNNN-NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Surgical procedure for cancer
METEOR identifier:	562816
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 14/05/2015
Definition:	The cancer-directed surgical procedure performed during the course of treatment for cancer, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer
Value Domain:	Procedure code (ACHI 8th edn) NNNNN-NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 8th edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNNNN-NN
Maximum character length:	7

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The procedure code is collected for all cancer-directed surgery performed during treatment for cancer. Cancer-directed surgery refers to all surgery that destroys or modifies cancer tissue anywhere in the body. Cancer-directed surgery may be palliative (to control symptoms, alleviate pain, or make the patient more comfortable), or curative. Biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are to be recorded here. The procedure code for each surgical treatment episode should be entered separately. Endocrine surgery for the purpose of modifying hormone levels is recorded with data element <i>Cancer treatment—systemic therapy procedure, code N[N]</i>.
Collection methods:	This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.
Comments:	The collection of specific treatment information is useful to evaluate patterns of care, the effectiveness of different treatment modalities, and treatment by patient outcome.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Cancer Australia
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Origin: National Centre for Classification in Health
New South Wales Department of Health, Public Health Division

Reference documents: Public Health Division 2001. NSW Clinical Cancer Data Collection for Outcomes and Quality: Data Dictionary, Version 1. Sydney: NSW Health Department

American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer

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—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code \(ACHI 8th edn\) NNNNNN-NN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

Has been superseded by [Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code \(ACHI 9th edn\) NNNNNN-NN](#)
[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code \(ICD-O-3.1\) ANN.N](#)
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[Health](#), Qualified 03/08/2023

See also [Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code \(ICD-O-3\) ANN.N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Surgery for cancer cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015