

# Cancer treatment—specialist support services type

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**Definition:** The type of specialist support services used as part of treatment for cancer.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Cancer treatment](#)

**Definition:** The course of cancer-directed treatment or treatments, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, given to the patient by a treatment provider or team of providers.

This may include cancer-directed surgical treatment, radiation therapy and systemic agent therapy for cancer. It applies to the primary course of cancer treatment, treatment administered to the patient in response to disease progression or treatment administered to the patient in response to disease recurrence.

**Specialisation of:** [Service/care event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998)

Commission on Cancer, Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (2002)

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Specialist support services type](#)

**Definition:** The type of specialist support services as part of a patient's treatment regime. Specialist support services are those that do not target the primary disease but help to manage side effects, symptoms, late effects and quality of life.

Specialist support services include community services, allied health services and other hospital support service, such as the use of psychiatrists, psychologists, physiotherapists, social workers, specialist nurses/nurse counsellors, cancer support or volunteer support groups, individual peer support services, counsellor/bereavement counsellor and pastoral care workers.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

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## Relational attributes

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