

# Brachytherapy dose rate

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Property  
**METEOR identifier:** 572803  
**Registration status:**

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**Definition:** The dose rate of brachytherapy.

Brachytherapy is delivered by placing the radiation source in close proximity to the tumour site. The radioactive isotopes are sealed in tiny pellets or “seeds” which are placed in the body using delivery devices such as needles or catheters. Types include interstitial brachytherapy, which uses a source placed within tumour tissue, for example, within a prostate tumour; and intracavitary brachytherapy, whereby the source is placed within a surgical cavity or a body cavity. Brachytherapy can involve the temporary or permanent placement of radioactive sources.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this property:** [Cancer treatment—brachytherapy dose rate](#)

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