

# Intention of treatment code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	583855
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 13/11/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the intention of the treatment for a disease.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Prophylactic
	2	Curative
	3	Palliative
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 1 Prophylactic

This code is used when treatment is given to prevent the occurrence of disease at a site that exhibits no sign of active disease but is considered to be at risk.

CODE 2 Curative

This code is used when treatment is given with the intention of curing disease.

CODE 3 Palliative

This code is used when treatment is given primarily for the purpose of pain or other symptom control. Consequent benefits of the treatment are considered secondary contributions to quality of life.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is used when treatment is given and the intention is not stated or is inadequately described. This code is not intended for use in primary data collection but can be assigned for reporting purposes where there is missing data.

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Intention of treatment code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 08/05/2014  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

[Patient—intention of treatment, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Person with cancer—second-line treatment intention, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015