

N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 8th ed) code X[XX]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	719698
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 14/06/2023
Definition:	The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours code set denoting the presence or absence of regional lymph node metastasis and describing the extent of lymph node metastasis.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: [Union for International Cancer Control \(UICC\) TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 8th edition](#)

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: X[XX]

Maximum character length: 3

	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	997	Not applicable
	998	Unknown
	999	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Valid N codes from the current edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours.

Record the stage in Arabic numerals and the appropriate upper or lower case alphabetic character omitting the prefix "N". For example, record stage N1b for malignant melanoma of the skin as "1b".

Record if the N stage value has a prefix of "c" or "p". For example, record retinoblastoma N stage pN1 as "p1".

Refer to the TNM Supplement: A Commentary on Uniform Use, 5th Edition for coding rules.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Wittekind C et al (Editors) 2019. Union for International Cancer Control (UICC): TNM supplement: A commentary on uniform use, 5th edition. Wiley-Blackwell.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [N stage \(UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed\) code X\[XX\]](#)
[Health](#), Standard 07/12/2011

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

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