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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Primary site of cancer (ICD-O-3.1 code) |
| METEOR identifier: | 775162 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 03/08/2023 |
| Definition: | The site in which the tumour originated in a person with cancer, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic sites, as represented by an ICD-O-3.1 code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269645) |
| Value Domain: | [Topography code (ICD-O-3.1) ANN.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775095) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition, 1st revision](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775083) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | ANN.N | |
| Maximum character length: | 5 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record all four alphanumeric characters of the topography code. The number after the decimal point represents the subsite or subcategory. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | World Health Organization. (‎2013)‎. International classification of diseases for oncology (‎ICD-O)‎, 3rd ed., 1st revision. World Health Organization. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/96612> |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Record the primary site of cancer, if known, for patients who have been diagnosed with cancer. When the primary site is unknown, record C80.9.  The primary site of the tumour is the site of origin, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic site.  Record all four alphanumeric characters of the topography code. The number after the decimal point represents the subsite or subcategory.  If the patient is diagnosed with more than one primary tumour, record the site of each primary separately.  If the primary site differs on multiple pathology or other notification reports for the same tumour, use the most specific value. For example, one report may state the breast (C50.9) is the site of the primary while another report records the lower-inner quadrant of the breast (C50.3) as the primary site; record C50.3 here as the primary site. |
| Collection methods: | This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record. |
| Comments: | The information is collected so that tumours can be classified into clinically relevant groups based on their primary site and histological type. This provides a basis for staging and the determination of treatment options. The primary site of the cancer also affects the course of the disease and prognosis. |
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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, topography code (ICD-O-3) ANN.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/396090)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/12/2011  Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, topography code (ICD-O-3.2) ANN.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775171)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Qualified 03/08/2023 |