

Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269644

Registration status: [Health!](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Definition: Laterality describes which side of a paired organ is the origin of the primary cancer. Each side of a paired organ is considered separately and described as lateral when occurring unless a physician determines that it is bilateral.

A paired organ is one in which there are two separate organs of the same kind, one on either side of the body (e.g. kidney, breast, ovary, testis and lung).

Context: This information is collected for the purpose of differentiating the site of the primary cancer. For example, a woman may present with a primary cancer in the left breast. She may return at a later stage with a new primary cancer in the right breast.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Person with cancer](#)

Definition: A person who has been diagnosed with a cancer.

Specialisation of: [Person/group of persons](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Laterality of primary cancer](#)

Definition: An indicator of which side of a paired organ is the origin of the primary cancer.

Property group: [Assessment event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code \[N\]](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

[Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code A](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011