

Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code [N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Laterality of primary cancer
METEOR identifier:	270177
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 07/12/2011
Definition:	The side of a paired organ that is the origin of the primary cancer, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer
Value Domain:	Laterality code A

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	A	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	R	Right
	L	Left
	B	Bilateral
Supplementary values:	N	Not applicable
	U	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The valid International Classification of Diseases for Oncology values for the variable are provided in the list below:

Right

Origin of primary site is on the right side of a paired organ.

Left

Origin of primary site is on the left side of a paired organ.

Paired organs are: Breast (C50), Lung (C34), Kidney (C64), Ovary (C56), Eyes (C69), Arms (C76.4, C44.6, C49.1, C47.1, C40.0, C77.3,), Legs (C76.5, C44.7, C49.2, C47.2, C40.2, C77.4), Ears (C44.2, C49.0, C30.1), Testicles (C62), Parathyroid glands (C75.0), Adrenal glands (C74.9, C74.0, C74.1), Tonsils (C09.9, C02.4, C11.1, C09.0, C09.1, C03.9), Ureter (C66.9), Carotid body (C75.4), Vas deferens (C63.1), Optic nerve (C72.3)

Bilateral

Includes organs that are bilateral as a single primary (e.g. bilateral retinoblastoma (M9510/3, C69.2), (M9511/3, C69.2), (M9512/3, C69.2), (C69.6, C48.0), bilateral Wilms tumours (C64.9, M8960/3)) Note: Bilateral cancers are very rare.

Unknown

It is unknown whether, for a paired organ the origin of the cancer was on the left or right side of the body.

Collection methods: This information should be obtained from the patient's pathology report, the patient's medical record, or the patient's medical practitioner/nursing staff.


Source and reference attributes

Origin: World Health Organization

Reference documents: Percy C, Van Holten V, Muir C (eds). International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 2nd edition. Geneva: WHO, 1990

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—laterality of primary cancer, code A Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011

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