

Basis of diagnosis of cancer code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270758
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	A code set representing sources of cancer diagnosis.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	Death certificate only: Information provided is from a death certificate
	1	Clinical: Diagnosis made before death, but without any of the following (codes 2-7)
	2	Clinical investigation: All diagnostic techniques, including x-ray, endoscopy, imaging, ultrasound, exploratory surgery (e.g. laparotomy), and autopsy, without a tissue diagnosis
	4	Specific tumour markers: Including biochemical and/or immunological markers that are specific for a tumour site
	5	Cytology: Examination of cells from a primary or secondary site, including fluids aspirated by endoscopy or needle; also includes the microscopic examination of peripheral blood and bone marrow aspirates
	6	Histology of metastasis: Histological examination of tissue from a metastasis, including autopsy specimens
	7	Histology of a primary tumour: Histological examination of tissue from primary tumour, however obtained, including all cutting techniques and bone marrow biopsies; also includes autopsy specimens of primary tumour
	8	Histology: either unknown whether of primary or metastatic site, or not otherwise specified
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODES 1 - 4 Non-microscopic. CODES 5 - 8 Microscopic. CODE 9 Other.
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Comments:

In a hospital setting this metadata item should be collected on the most valid basis of diagnosis at this admission. If more than one diagnosis technique is used during an admission, select the higher code from 1 to 8.

Relational attributes**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Person with cancer—most valid basis of diagnosis of a cancer, code N Health!, Superseded 07/12/2011](#)

[Person with cancer—most valid basis of diagnosis of a cancer, code N Health!, Standard 07/12/2011](#)

[Person with cancer—most valid basis of diagnosis of the first recurrence, code N Health!, Standard 07/12/2011](#)