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# Initial treatment episode for cancer

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 001067                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED                      Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: The initial course of cancer directed treatment or treatments, with defined dates of commencement and cessation, given to the patient by a treatment provider or team of providers. It includes all treatments administered to the patient before disease progression or recurrence and applies to surgical treatment, radiation therapy and systemic agent therapy for cancer.  
Context: This concept is required to provide the basis for a standard approach to recording and monitoring patterns of initial treatment for cancer patients.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998).  
Commission on Cancer, Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (2002).  
Source Organisation: Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons.

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## *Data Element Links*

### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM                      Request for / entry into service event

### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

DSS - Cancer (clinical)                      From 04-Jun-04 to

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