Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes, total N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Regional lymph nodes positive |
| METEOR identifier: | 289205 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/03/2009 |
| Definition: | The total number of regional lymph nodes examined by a pathologist and reported as containing tumour. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/289198) |
| Value Domain: | [Total positive regional lymph nodes N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/289203) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 0 | All nodes examined negative |
|  | 96 | Ninety-six or more lymph nodes positive |
|  | 97 | Positive nodes but number not specified |
|  | 98 | No nodes examined |
|  | 99 | Unknown if nodes are positive or negative; not applicable |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 97     Positive nodes but number not specified  Positive nodes but number not specified, is used when the cytology or histology from a lymph node aspiration is positive for malignant cells.  CODE 98     No nodes examined  Positive nodes but number not specified, is used when no nodes are removed or examined.  CODE 99     Unknown if nodes are positive or negative; not applicable  Unknown if nodes are positive or negative, is used if information about regional lymph nodes is unknown or if it is not applicable for that site or histology. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | Australian Cancer Network  Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons |
| Reference documents: | Australian Cancer Network The pathology reporting of breast cancer. A guide for pathologists, surgeons and radiologists Second Edition Sydney (2001)  Commission on Cancer, Standards of the Commission on Cancer Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS) Volume II (1998) |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes, total N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/370027)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2011  Is re-engineered from  [Regional lymph nodes positive, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/274214)  (15.0 KB)  *No registration status*  See also [Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/370032)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2011 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/289280)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2005  [Cancer (clinical) DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/334019)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/03/2009 |