

Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code (ICD-10-AM 6th edn) ANN{.N[N]}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary site of cancer (ICD-10-AM code)
METEOR identifier:	361937
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 22/12/2009
Definition:	The site of origin of the tumour, as opposed to the secondary or metastatic sites, as represented by an ICD-10-AM code.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—primary site of cancer
Value Domain:	Primary site of cancer code (ICD-10-AM 6th edn) ANN{.N[N]}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification 6th edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN{.N[N]}
Maximum character length:	6

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Report the primary site of cancer, if known, for patients who have been diagnosed with a cancer. In ICD-10-AM (5th edition), primary site is identified using a single 4 digit code Cxx.x or Dxx.x.
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Source and reference attributes

Reference documents:	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10)
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: In a hospital setting, primary site of cancer should be recorded on the patient's medical record by the patient's attending clinician or medical practitioner, and coded by the hospital's medical records department.

Hospitals use Diagnosis codes from ICD-10-AM (6th edition). Valid codes must start with C or D.

In hospital reporting, the diagnosis code for each separate primary site cancer will be reported as a Principal diagnosis or an Additional diagnosis as defined in the current edition of the Australian Coding Standards. In death reporting, the Australian Bureau of Statistics uses ICD-10.

Some ICD-10-AM (6th edition) diagnosis codes e.g. mesothelioma and Kaposi's sarcoma, are based on morphology and not site alone, and include tumours of these types even where the primary site is unknown.

Source and reference attributes

Origin: World Health Organization

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code \(ICD-10-AM 5th edn\) ANN{.N\[N\]}](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

Has been superseded by [Person with cancer—primary site of cancer, code \(ICD-10-AM 7th edn\) ANN{.N\[N\]}](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 22/12/2009

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

DSS specific information:

This information is collected for the purpose of:

- classifying tumours into clinically-relevant groupings on the basis of both their site of origin and their histological type
- monitoring the number of new cases of cancer for planning treatment services
- epidemiological studies.