

Patient—date of last contact, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Date of last contact—cancer patient |
| METEOR identifier: | 394060 |
| Registration status: | Health! , Standard 07/12/2011 |
| Definition: | The date of last contact with the patient, expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Data Element Concept: | Patient—date of last contact |
| Value Domain: | Date DDMMYYYY |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Date |
| Data type: | Date/Time |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY |
| Maximum character length: | 8 |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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| Guide for use: | <p>Record the date on which the patient was last known to be alive.</p> <p>The date of last contact may be used for administrative purposes in conjunction with the patient's last known cancer status to identify how complete the treatment information is.</p> <p>The last contact date may, for example, be the discharge date of an inpatient stay, the date of an outpatient appointment, the date of an investigation such as a scan or the date of a home visit by, for instance, a palliative care nurse or occupational therapist.</p> <p>The last contact date may also be derived from an official source, for example, a letter from a physician detailing the patient's last follow-up appointment.</p> <p>Many hospitals conduct routine follow-up of patients and the last contact date may result from a phone call to the patient.</p> <p>The date of last contact should be updated as required.</p> <p>If the patient has multiple primary cancers, all records should have the same date of last contact.</p> <p>The date of death is collected as a separate item.</p> <p>The date of last contact must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater than the date of diagnosis, and• Less than or equal to the date of death. |
| Collection methods: | The information should be collected from the patient's medical record. |
| Comments: | This information is used for patient follow-up and outcome studies. |

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Patient—cancer status, code N Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health!](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015