

Patient—date of last contact, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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 attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Patient—date of last contact
METEOR identifier:	394054
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The date of last contact with the patient.
Object class:	Patient
Property:	Date of last contact

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Date DDMMYYYY
METEOR identifier:	270566
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/03/2005 Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 31/10/2012 WA Health , Standard 06/03/2014 Indigenous , Standard 11/08/2014 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Commonwealth Department of Health , Standard 14/10/2015 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 31/08/2016 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The day of a particular month and year.

Representational attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Record the date on which the patient was last known to be alive.

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.

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.

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.

Many hospitals conduct routine follow-up of patients and the last contact date may result from a phone call to the patient.

The date of last contact should be updated as required.

If the patient has multiple primary cancers, all records should have the same date of last contact.

The date of death is collected as a separate item.

The date of last contact must be:

- 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