

# N stage (UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed) code X[XX]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	403672
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/12/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	The International Union Against Cancer (UICC) TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours code set denoting the presence or absence of regional lymph node metastasis and describing the extent of lymph node metastasis.

## Representational attributes

**Classification scheme:** [International Union against Cancer \(UICC\) TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 7th edition](#)

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** String

**Format:** X[XX]

**Maximum character length:** 3

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	997	Not applicable
	998	Unknown
	999	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Valid N codes from the current edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours.

Record the stage in Arabic numerals and the appropriate upper or lower case alphabetic character omitting the prefix "N". For example, record stage N1b for malignant melanoma of the skin as "1b".

Record if the N stage value has a prefix of "c" or "p". For example, record retinoblastoma N stage pN1 as "p1".

Refer to the TNM Supplement: A Commentary on Uniform Use, 3rd Edition for coding rules.

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Wittekind C et al (Editors) 2003. International Union Against Cancer (UICC): TNM supplement: A commentary on uniform use, 3rd edition. Wiley-Blackwell.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [N stage \(UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours 5th ed\) code XX](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 06/03/2009

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**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

[Person with cancer—regional lymph node metastasis status, N stage \(UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th ed\) code X\[XX\]](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011