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:	415959
Registration status:	Health!, Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The total number of regional lymph nodes reported to contain tumour in a person with cancer.
Data Element Concept:	Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes
Value Domain:	Total number N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	**Meaning**
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	A list of which lymph nodes are defined as regional lymph nodes for each cancer site may be found in the current edition of the TNM Classification of Tumours, UICC (International Union Against Cancer) and the AJCC (American Joint Committee on Cancer) Cancer Staging Manual. The number includes all positive nodes regardless of whether they were removed and examined at a single or multiple procedures. For example, for breast cancer, record the sum of positive nodes detected in node sampling/sentinel node biopsy and those removed at axillary clearance.
Collection methods:	The information should be obtained from the patient's medical record. For cancer registries, collection of this data item should only be from notification and pathology reports relating to initial diagnosis and not for recurrent or metastatic disease.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Australian Cancer Network Commission on Cancer American College of Surgeons

Reference documents:	American College of Surgeons 1998. Standards of the Commission on Cancer: Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS), Volume II, Commission on Cancer
	American Joint Committee on Cancer 2010. AJCC Staging Manual, 7th edition. New York: Springer
	Australian Cancer Network 2001. The pathology reporting of breast cancer: A guide for pathologists, surgeons and radiologists, 2nd Edition. Sydney: Australian Cancer Network
	Johnson CH & Adamo M (Editors) 2007. SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2007, MD 2008 revision. Bethesda: National Cancer Institute, NIH Publication number 07-5581
	Sobin LH, Gospodarowicz MK, Wittekind C (Editors) 2009. International Union Against Cancer (UICC): TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours, 7th edition. Wiley-Blackwell

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Person with cancer—number of positive regional lymph nodes, total N\[N\]](#)
	[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
	See also [Number of regional lymph nodes examined](#)
	[Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011
	See also [Person with cancer—number of regional lymph nodes examined, total N\[N\]](#)
	[Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	[Breast cancer (cancer registries) NBPDS](#)
	[Health!](#), Standard 01/09/2012
	[Cancer (clinical) DSS](#)
	[Health!](#), Superseded 08/05/2014
	Conditional obligation: Conditional on the regional lymph nodes being excised and examined by a pathologist and demonstrated to be positive for malignancy.
	[Cancer (clinical) DSS](#)
	[Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015
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	[Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015
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