

# Patient—diagnosis date of cancer, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Date of diagnosis of cancer
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	416129
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/12/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which the patient was first diagnosed with cancer (whether at its primary site or as a metastasis), expressed as DDMMYYYY.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Patient—diagnosis date of cancer</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	447726
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/12/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which the patient was diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Patient</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Diagnosis date of cancer</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
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## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Date
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	DDMMYYYY

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Date of diagnosis must be:

- Greater than or equal to date of birth
- Less than or equal to date of death

Diagnosis of cancer after death:

If the patient is first diagnosed with the cancer in an autopsy report the date of diagnosis is the date of death as stated on the patient's death certificate.

Incidental diagnosis of cancer:

If a patient is admitted for another condition (for example a broken leg or pregnancy), and a cancer is diagnosed incidentally then the date of diagnosis is the date the cancer was diagnostically determined, not the admission date.

**Collection methods:**

Reporting rules:

The date of diagnosis is the date of the pathology report, if any, that first confirmed the diagnosis of cancer. This date may be found attached to a letter of referral or a patient's medical record from another institution or hospital. If this date is unavailable, or if no pathological test was done, then the date may be determined from one of the sources listed in the following sequence:

- Date of the consultation at, or admission to, the hospital, clinic or institution when the cancer was first diagnosed. Note: DO NOT use the admission date of the current admission if the patient had a prior diagnosis of this cancer.
- Date of first diagnosis as stated by a recognised medical practitioner or dentist. Note: This date may be found attached to a letter of referral or a patient's medical record from an institution or hospital.
- Date the patient states they were first diagnosed with cancer. Note: This may be the only date available in a few cases (for example, patient was first diagnosed in a foreign country).

If components of the date are not known, an estimate should be provided with an estimated date flag to indicate that it is estimated. If an estimated date is not possible, a standard date of 15 June 1900 should be used with a flag to indicate the date is not known. Additionally, a date accuracy indicator should be recorded in conjunction with the estimated date.

**Comments:**

Patient administration system, cancer notification system, population cancer statistics, research.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:**

Cancer Australia

**Origin:**

International Agency for Research on Cancer

World Health Organization

International Association of Cancer Registries

**Reference documents:**

Modified from the definition presented by the New South Wales Inpatient Statistics Collection Manual 2000/2001

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Patient—diagnosis date \(cancer\), DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

See also [Cancer staging—date of cancer staging, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 04/02/2015

See also [Person with cancer—date of initial primary health care consultation, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 04/02/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster Health!](#), Standard 05/02/2021

[Bowel cancer diagnosed cluster Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Breast cancer \(cancer registries\) NBPDS Health!](#), Standard 01/09/2012

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health!](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

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

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

**Implementation in  
Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.1.5–Survival of people diagnosed with cancer, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.2–Incidence of selected cancers, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.2–Incidence of selected cancers, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/10/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 06b-Positive predictive value of diagnostic assessment for detecting colorectal cancer](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 06b-Positive predictive value of diagnostic assessment for detecting colorectal cancer](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 06/09/2018

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 07-Interval cancer rate](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 06/09/2018

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program: PI 07-Interval cancer rate](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02-Incidence of selected cancers, 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2016](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 02–Incidence of selected cancers, 2022](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24–Survival of people diagnosed with notifiable cancers, 2022](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021