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Person with cancer—cytopathology result, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Cytopathology result

Synonymous names: Cytology result

METEOR identifier: 422463

Registration status: Health!, Standard 08/05/2014

Definition: The result of a cytopathology test to verify cancer diagnosis and morphology in a

person with cancer, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Person with cancer—cytopathology result

Value Domain: Cytopathology result code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N
Maximum character length: 1

ValueMeaningPermissible values:1Positive2Negative3EquivocalSupplementary values:7Not applicable9Not available

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Positive

A positive result indicates that the cellular abnormality tested for was found. In the

case of cancer diagnosis, a positive result indicates malignancy.

CODE 2 Negative

A negative result indicates that the cellular abnormality tested for was not found.

CODE 3 Equivocal

This code should be recorded when the cellular abnormality status could not be

determined by the test.

CODE 9 Not available

This code should be recorded when the test results have not been received or

could not be accessed.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Record the code specifying the positivity or negativity of cytology or cytopathology

test results as outlined in the pathology report.

Where multiple tests have been undertaken record each test result separately.

A negative result indicates that no abnormal cells were found in the sample tested. A positive result indicates that there were abnormal cells found in the sample

tested.

This includes results of peritoneal washings.

Collection methods: Collected for people with cancer who have undergone a cytology or cytopathology

test to help define the proportion of cancer morphologically verified.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: Gynaecological Cancer DSS Working Group, Cancer Australia. 2010

Relational attributes

Specifications:

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