

# Person with cancer—comorbidities, text X[X(99)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Cancer comorbidities description
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	463562
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 14/05/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A comorbidity present in the person with cancer at the time of cancer diagnoses, as represented by text.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—comorbidities</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Text X[X(99)]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Text
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	X[X(99)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	100

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** If a comorbidity is present at the time of diagnosis of cancer that is not specified in [Person with cancer—comorbidities, code N\[N\]](#), record the comorbidity in text.

The term comorbidities is generally used with cancer patients to refer to conditions not related to the cancer, and in epidemiology to indicate the coexistence of two or more disease processes.

The presence of comorbidities in a patient may affect treatment decisions and be an important prognostic determinant. For example, they may be used to adjust outcome statistics when evaluating patient survival and other outcomes.

**Collection methods:** Collect from patient medical records.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Person with cancer—comorbidities, code N\[N\]](#)  
[Health!](#), Recorded 10/04/2014

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

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