

# Cancer treatment—cancer treatment type, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Cancer treatment type
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	561618
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 08/05/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of treatment administered during the course of treatment for cancer, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment—cancer treatment type</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment type code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Surgery only
	2	Radiotherapy only
	3	Systemic agent therapy only
	4	Surgery and radiotherapy
	5	Surgery and systemic agent therapy
	6	Radiotherapy and systemic agent therapy
	7	Surgery, radiotherapy and systemic agent therapy
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable—treatment was not administered
	98	Unknown whether treatment was administered
	99	Treatment was administered but the type was not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** More than one treatment type may be administered during a course of cancer treatment; select the appropriate code value.

Systemic agent therapy refers to:

- [chemotherapy](#)
- hormone therapy
- immunotherapy

Surgery includes:

- surgical procedure for cancer
- systemic therapy procedure involving surgery

A systemic therapy procedure is a medical, surgical or radiation procedure that has an effect on the hormonal or immunologic balance of the patient.

Treatments other than surgery, radiotherapy or systemic agent therapy administered as part of the treatment are recorded separately.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Cancer Australia

**Reference documents:** American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer, 28E

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** All treatments administered to the patient during the course of cancer treatment should be recorded.

When the patient has received treatment for cancer and codes 1 to 7 are recorded, the relevant treatment information for each treatment modality should also be collected.

Cancer-directed treatments administered to the patient during the course of treatment that cannot be characterised as surgery, radiotherapy or systemic therapy according to the definitions in this data set specification, are recorded separately in the data element [Other cancer treatment description](#)

**Collection methods:** This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.

**Comments:** The collection of specific treatment information is useful to evaluate patterns of care, the effectiveness of different treatment modalities, and treatment by patient outcome.

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Commission on Cancer, American College of Surgeons

New South Wales Health Department

**Reference documents:** American College of Surgeons 1998. Standards of the Commission on Cancer: Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS), Volume II. Commission on Cancer

Public Health Division 2001. NSW Clinical Cancer Data Collection for Outcomes and Quality. Data Dictionary Version 1. Sydney: NSW Health Department

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

- Supersedes [Cancer treatment—cancer treatment type, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 08/05/2014
- See also [Cancer treatment—other cancer treatment, text X\[X\(149\)\] Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014
- See also [Chemotherapy for cancer cluster Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014
- See also [Hormone therapy for cancer cluster Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014
- See also [Immunotherapy for cancer cluster Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014
- See also [Radiotherapy for cancer cluster Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014
- See also [Surgery for cancer cluster Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015
- See also [Surgery for cancer cluster Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015
- See also [Systemic therapy procedure for cancer cluster Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

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

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

**Conditional obligation:** Complete when there is a first recurrence of cancer.

**DSS specific information:** Complete this in relation to treatment for a first recurrence of cancer.

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

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[Cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

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

[Gynaecological cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

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

**Conditional obligation:** This data element is to be recorded for a patient having a first recurrence of cancer. All treatments administered to the patient during the first recurrence of cancer should be recorded.

**DSS specific information:** This data element is to be recorded separately for the primary course of treatment and treatment for the first recurrence of cancer. All treatments administered to the patient as part of the primary course of treatment for the first recurrence of cancer should be recorded.

[Gynaecological cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

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