Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code (ACHI 8th edn) NNNNN-NN
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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Surgical procedure for cancer

METEOR identifier: 562816

Registration status: Health!, Superseded 14/05/2015

Definition: The cancer-directed surgical procedure performed during the course of treatment

for cancer, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer

Value Domain: Procedure code (ACHI 8th edn) NNNNN-NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 8th edition

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: NNNNN-NN

Maximum character length: 7

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The procedure code is collected for all cancer-directed surgery performed during

treatment for cancer.

Cancer-directed surgery refers to all surgery that destroys or modifies cancer

tissue anywhere in the body.

Cancer-directed surgery may be palliative (to control symptoms, alleviate pain, or

make the patient more comfortable), or curative.

Biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are

to be recorded here.

The procedure code for each surgical treatment episode should be entered

separately.

Endocrine surgery for the purpose of modifying hormone levels is recorded with data element *Cancer treatment—systemic therapy procedure, code N[N].*

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

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Origin: National Centre for Classification in Health

New South Wales Department of Health, Public Health Division

Reference documents: Public Health Division 2001. NSW Clinical Cancer Data Collection for Outcomes

and Quality: Data Dictionary, Version 1. Sydney: NSW Health Department

American College of Surgeons 2002. Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards

(FORDS), 2009 revision. Commission on Cancer

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

Cancer

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code

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Has been superseded by Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer,

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Health!, Standard 14/05/2015

See also Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code (ICD-O-3)

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See also Cancer treatment—surgical procedure date, DDMMYYYY

Health!, Standard 08/05/2014

Implementation in Data Set Surgery for cancer cluster

Specifications: Health!, Superseded 14/05/2015