

# Patient—intention of treatment, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Intention of treatment
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	583857
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 13/11/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The reason treatment is provided to a patient, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Patient—intention of treatment</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Intention of treatment code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Prophylactic
	2	Curative
	3	Palliative
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 1 Prophylactic

This code is used when treatment is given to prevent the occurrence of disease at a site that exhibits no sign of active disease but is considered to be at risk.

CODE 2 Curative

This code is used when treatment is given with the intention of curing disease.

CODE 3 Palliative

This code is used when treatment is given primarily for the purpose of pain or other symptom control. Consequent benefits of the treatment are considered secondary contributions to quality of life.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is used when treatment is given and the intention is not stated or is inadequately described. This code is not intended for use in primary data collection but can be assigned for reporting purposes where there is missing data.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Patient—intention of treatment, code N Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2014  
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) DSS Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015  
[Adolescent and young adult cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015

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

**DSS specific information:**

This item should be collected in relation to the initial course of treatment for cancer.

[Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2013-15](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**DSS specific information:**

This data element records the intention of treatment for the course of radiotherapy.

Assigning the intention of treatment is a clinical decision by the radiation oncologist.

Individual service providers may use various more detailed sub-categories of intention of treatment, these sub-categories should be mapped to one of the categories in this data element.

If the intention of a course of radiotherapy treatment changes during the planning of a course of radiotherapy treatment, the new intention of treatment should be reported, not the original intent of treatment. Separate courses delivered to a patient may have different intentions of treatment.

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

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[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2018-](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018

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[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

***DSS specific information:***

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER\_INTENTION\_TREAT
- Short name: Patient intention of treatment.