

# Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer, procedure code (ACHI 9th edn) NNNNN-NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Surgical procedure for cancer
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	603484
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">HealthI</a> , Standard 14/05/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The cancer-directed surgical procedure performed during the course of treatment for cancer, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Cancer treatment—surgical procedure for cancer</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Procedure code (ACHI 9th edn) NNNNN-NN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 9th edition</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NNNNN-NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	8

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The procedure code is collected for all cancer-directed surgery performed during treatment for cancer.</p> <p>Cancer-directed surgery refers to all surgery that destroys or modifies cancer tissue anywhere in the body.</p> <p>Cancer-directed surgery may be palliative (to control symptoms, alleviate pain, or make the patient more comfortable), or curative.</p> <p>Biopsies that remove the entire tumour and/or leave only microscopic margins are to be recorded here.</p> <p>The procedure code for each surgical treatment episode should be entered separately.</p> <p>Endocrine surgery for the purpose of modifying hormone levels is recorded with data element <i>Cancer treatment—systemic therapy procedure, code N[N]</i>.</p>
<b>Collection methods:</b>	This information should be obtained from the patient's medical record.
<b>Comments:</b>	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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Cancer Australia
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**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 \(ACHI 8th edn\) NNNNN-NN](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

See also [Cancer treatment—surgery target site, topography code \(ICD-O-3\) ANN.N](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Cancer treatment—surgical procedure date, DDMMYYYY](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Surgery for cancer cluster](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015