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Cancer Registration Data Dictionary (Set 17)

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Documentation Control Sheet

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| Version | Affected Areas Summary of Change | Prepared By | Reviewed By |
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| 7.0 | Created separate data documentation and data dictionary files | Helen Strongman | Rachael Williams |
| 7.1 | Add tumour identifier to patient file for clarity (this has been available since set 14) | Helen Strongman | Eleanor Yelland |
| 8.0 | Refresh for Set 16 | Rachael Williams | Eleanor Yelland |
| 8.1 | Review for Set 17 | Eleanor Yelland | Helen Booth |

Version 7.0

- Cancer Registration Data dictionary separated from NCRAS documentation. No changes to data structure between set 13 (up to 2014) and set 14 (up to 2015)

Version 7.1

- Added tumour identifier to patient file for clarity (this has been available since set 14)

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- Refreshed for Set 16

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- Refreshed for Set 17
- Minor updates to variable descriptions





CPRD Cancer Registration Data Structure

1. Patient - One row per patient

| <i>Column description</i> | <i>Column name</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Field Type</i> | <i>Valid Content</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| CPRD patient Identifier | e_patid | Unique patient identifier based on CPRD primary care data – pseudonymised. In some cases, the same person may have multiple patient IDs. | ID | Number |
| CR patient Identifier | e_cr_patid | Unique patient identifier based on NCRAS data – pseudonymised. In some cases, the same person may have multiple patient IDs. Patient IDs will be retained even after two patient records are found to be the same person. | ID | Number |
| Tumour count | tumourcount | Count of every tumour associated with this e_cr_patid | NUMBER | Number |
| Big tumour count | bigtumourcount | Count of every tumour associated with this e_cr_patid in range C00-97 excluding C44 | NUMBER | Number |



2. Tumour table – one row per patient per tumour

| <i>Column description</i> | <i>Column name</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Field Type</i> | <i>Valid Content</i> |
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| CR patient Identifier | e_cr_patid | Unique patient identifier based on NCRAS data – pseudonymised. In some cases, the same person may have multiple patient IDs. Patient IDs will be retained even after two patient records are found to be the same person. | ID | Number |
| CR tumour identifier | e_cr_id | Unique tumour identifier based on NCRAS data – pseudonymised. | ID | Number |
| Year of Birth | year_dob | Year portion of date of birth as recorded in the cancer registry data, where available (NB: year of birth is available from GP records for all research acceptable patients) | NUMBER | yyyy |
| Age at diagnosis | age | Age in years at diagnosis, rounded down to full years | NUMBER | Number or blank |
| Age group at diagnosis | fiveyearageband | Age at diagnosis in 5-year groupings | TEXT | 0 - 4 YRS 5 - 9 YRS 10 - 14 YRS 15 - 19 YRS 20 - 24 YRS 25 - 29 YRS 30 - 34 YRS 35 - 39 YRS 40 - 44 YRS 45 - 49 YRS 50 - 54 YRS 55 - 59 YRS 60 - 64 YRS 65 - 69 YRS 70 – 74 YRS 75 - 79 YRS 80 - 84 YRS Blank |



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| Sex | sex | Sex of the patient at diagnosis as recorded in the Cancer Registration data (NB: sex is available from GP records for all research acceptable patients) | NUMBER | 0=Not known, 1=Male, 2=Female, 9=Not specified |
| Ethnic Origin | ethnicity | Follows 2001 census definition. Data fields in linked Hospital Episode Statistics containing ethnicity data were used. The most common, or if not most common, the most recent known, ethnicity was taken. | TEXT | A = (White) British, B =(White) Irish, C = Any other White background, D = White and Black Caribbean, E = White and Black African, F = White and Asian, G = Any other mixed background, H = Indian, J = Pakistani, K = Bangladeshi, L = Any other Asian background, M = Caribbean, N = African, P = Any other Black background, R = Chinese, S = Any other ethnic group, Z = Not stated, X = Not Known |
| Diagnosis date | diagnosisdatebest | Diagnosis date of the patient, as defined by the UKACR | DATE | dd/mm/yyyy |
| Month of diagnosis | diagnosismonth | Month of diagnosis | NUMBER | mm |
| Diagnosis year | diagnosisyear | Year of diagnosis | NUMBER | yyyy |
| Date of diagnosis imputed flag | diagnosisdateflag | Imputation of dates follows rules agreed by UKACR DQAR sub-group (August 2010). Blank field indicates that date imputation did not occur. | NUMBER | 0 = date fully specified, 1 = only month and year specified, 2 = only year specified, 3 = none of the above |



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| Basis of Diagnosis | basisofdiagnosis | Basis of the diagnosis data (e.g. Death Certificate; Clinical; Clinical Investigation; Specific tumour markers; Cytology; Histology of a metastases; Histology of a primary tumour; Unknown) | NUMBER | <p><u>Non-microscopic</u></p> <p>0 = Death certificate 1 = Clinical: Diagnosis made before death without (2-7) 2 = Clinical investigation: Includes all diagnostic techniques without a tissue diagnosis 4 = Specific tumour markers: Includes biochemical and/or immunological markers which are site specific</p> <p><u>Microscopic</u></p> <p>5 = Cytology: Examination of cells whether from a primary or secondary site, including fluids aspirated using endoscopes or needles. Also including microscopic examination of peripheral blood films and trephine bone marrow aspirates 6 = Histology of a metastases: Includes autopsy specimens 7 = Histology of a primary tumour: Includes all cutting and bone marrow biopsies. Also includes autopsy specimens of a primary tumour 9 = Unknown, e.g. PAS or HISS record only</p> |
| Death certificate only | dco | Whether basis of diagnosis of the tumour was death certificate only | TEXT | Y = Yes, N = No |
| Site (recoded, 4 characters) | site_icd10_O2 | Site of the cancer mapped to a 4-character ICD-10-O2 code (from 1995 only) | TEXT | Valid 4 digit ICD-10 codes in the range C00-D48 plus D76, E85, O01, Q85 or blank |
| Site (recoded, 3 characters) | site_icd10_O2_3char | Site of the cancer mapped to a 3-character ICD-10-O2 code (from 1995 only) | TEXT | Valid 3 digit ICD-10 codes in the range C00-D48 plus D76, E85, O01, Q85 or blank |



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| Site of primary neoplasm | site_coded | Site of the cancer, in the coding system that the tumour was originally coded in. This variable (or site_coded_3char) should be selected if data prior to 1995 are being requested. | TEXT | |
| Site of primary neoplasm (3 digits) | site_coded_3char | Three-digit version of site_coded. This variable (or site_coded) should be selected if data prior to 1995 are being requested. | TEXT | |
| Coding system | coding_system | The coding system used to register the tumour (e.g. ICD10/O-2). This should be requested if site_coded or site_coded_3char are being requested. | NUMBER | 1 = ICD-8, 2 = ICD-9, 3 = ICD-10/O-2, 4 = ICD-10/O-3, 5 = ICD-O-3, 6 = ICD-7, 7 = ICD-8pre1971, 8 = ICD-O-2, 9 = ICD-O, 10 = ICD-O-3 (2011), 11 = ICD-10rev4/O-2, 12 = MOTNAC, 14 = SNOMED/O(TCR), 15 = SNOMED/O-1, 16 = SNOMED/O-2, 17 = SNOMED/O-3 |
| Morphology | morph_coded | Morphology of the cancer, in the coding system that the tumour was originally coded in, describing the cell type of malignant disease determined before the start of treatment. The relevance of tumour morphology differs across tumour site. | TEXT | |
| Morphology (recoded) | morph_icd10_O2 | Morphology of cancer mapped to ICD-10-O2 | NUMBER | Number 8000-9990 or blank |
| Behaviour | behaviour_coded | Behaviour of the cancer | NUMBER | |



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| Behaviour (recoded) | behaviour_icd10_O2 | Behaviour of cancer mapped to ICD-10-O2 | TEXT | 0, 1,2,3,5,6,9,XXX,XXXX, blank |
| Histology | histology_coded | Histology code | TEXT | |
| Grade | grade | Records the grade of the tumour, for tumours that are graded on a simple numeric 1-3 or 1-4 scale. In tumours containing several areas of different grade, the grade of the predominant component is recorded. | TEXT | GX = Grade of differentiation is not appropriate or cannot be assessed G1 = Well differentiated G2 = Moderately differentiated G3 = Poorly differentiated G4 = Undifferentiated / anaplastic |
| Tumour size | tumoursize | Diameter of a tumour in mm, largest if more than one. | NUMBER | Number or blank |
| Nodes excised | nodesexcised | Number of nodes excised | NUMBER | Number or blank |
| Nodes involved | nodesinvolved | Number of nodes involved | NUMBER | Number or blank |



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| Laterality (side) for paired organs | laterality | For paired sites, for e.g. the tonsils, if there is a tumour in one side, the laterality of that side, left or right, is recorded. For some paired sites, if there are tumours in both sides then two tumours are registered, one a left and the other a right. If there is a tumour in both sides (and they have other factors such as morphology the same) then only one registration is made, and the laterality is coded as bilateral. If the site of the primary cancer is not part of a pair, then laterality is coded as not applicable. | TEXT | L = Left, R = Right, M = Midline, B = Bilateral, 8 = Not applicable, 9 = Not Known |
| Multifocal | multifocal | Whether or not the tumour is multifocal | TEXT | N= No, Y = Yes, 8 = Not applicable, 9 = Not known |
| Oestrogen receptor status | er_status | Oestrogen receptor status of the tumour | TEXT | N = negative, P = positive, X = not performed |
| Oestrogen receptor score | er_score | Oestrogen receptor score of the tumour | TEXT | ER Allred score (range 0, 2-8) |
| Progesterone receptor status | pr_status | Progesterone receptor status of the tumour | TEXT | N = negative, P = positive, X = not performed |
| Progesterone receptor score | pr_score | Progesterone receptor score of the tumour | TEXT | ER Allred score (range 0, 2-8) |
| HER2 status | her2_status | HER2 status of the tumour | TEXT | N = negative, P = positive, X = not performed |
| NPI score | npi | Nottingham Prognostic Indicator score (not the derived stage) for prognosis following surgery for breast cancer. Combines grade, axillary node involvement and tumour size. | NUMBER | Number (two decimal places) or blank |



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| Dukes' stage | dukes | Used for colorectal cancer | TEXT | A = Dukes' A: Tumour confined to wall of bowel, nodes negative B = Dukes' B: Tumour penetrates through the muscularis propria to involve extramural tissues, nodes negative C1 = Dukes' C1: Metastases confined to regional lymph nodes (node/s positive but apical node negative) C2 = Dukes' C2: Metastases present in nodes at mesenteric artery ligature (apical node positive) D = Dukes D: Metastatic spread outside the operative field 99 = Not Known |
| FIGO stage | figo | Used for cervical cancer | TEXT | 0, 1, 1a, 1a1, 1a2, 1b, 1b1, 1b2, 1c, 1c1, 1c2, 1c3, 2, 2a, 2a1, 2a2, 2b, 2c, 3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3c1, 3c2, 4, 4a, 4b, I, IA, IA1, IA2, IB, IB1, IB2, IC, II, IIA, IIA2, IIB, IIC, III, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC, IIIC1, IIIC2, IV, IVA, IVB, blank |
| Clark's level | clarks | Used for melanoma of the skin | TEXT | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, blank |
| Breslow thickness | breslow | Used for melanoma of the skin – measured in millimetres | TEXT | Number or range, x, or blank |
| Gleason primary pattern | gleason_primary | Used for prostate cancer - the grade that comprises most of the tumour volume is called the "primary pattern" | NUMBER | 1-5, 8 = not applicable |



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| Gleason secondary grade | gleason_secondary | Used for prostate cancer - if additional grades present, the highest grade (biopsy) or the second most extensive grade (TURP and radicals). If none present, primary and secondary grades are the same. | NUMBER | 1-5, 8 = not applicable |
| Gleason tertiary | gleason_tertiary | Value of any different third grade in addition to the primary and secondary grades | NUMBER | 1-5, 8 = not applicable |
| Gleason combined | gleason_combined | Gleason grade format follows that of NCDS: www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/Services/Datasets/cANCER/appurological.doc | NUMBER | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, blank |
| T stage (Imaging) | t_img | UICC code classifying the size and extent of the primary tumour before treatment | TEXT | UICC code |
| N stage (Imaging) | n_img | UICC code classifying the absence or presence and extent of regional lymph node metastases before treatment | TEXT | UICC code |



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| M stage (Imaging) | m_img | UICC code classifying the absence or presence of distant metastases before treatment | TEXT | 0 = no distant metastasis 1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e = distant metastasis X = unknown |
| Stage (Imaging) | stage_img | Combination of imaging T, N and M in “t_img”, “n_img” and “m_img”. Includes Ann Arbor staging for lymphomas. NB: It is not guaranteed that data from the individual t_img, n_img and m_img variables have been combined into this variable, so they should be used in parallel. | TEXT | |
| Stage system (Imaging) | stage_img_system | Version of the TNM classification of malignant cancers used to stage the tumour for the imaging TNM values | NUMBER | 5 = 5 th , 6 = 6 th , 7 = 7 th , 20 = UICC 5, 21 = UICC 6, 22 = UICC 7, 23 = AJCC 7, 24 =Unknown |
| T stage (Pathological) | t_path | UICC code classifying the size and extent of the primary tumour based on the evidence from a pathological examination | TEXT | UICC code |
| N stage (Pathological) | n_path | UICC code classifying the absence or presence and extent of regional lymph node metastases before treatment based on the evidence from a pathological examination | TEXT | UICC code |
| M stage (Pathological) | m_path | UICC code classifying the absence or presence of distant metastases before treatment based on the evidence from a pathological examination | TEXT | 0, 1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e, 2, 3, 4, 9, X, blank |



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| Stage (Pathological) | stage_path | Combination of pathological T, N and M in “t_path”, “n_path” and “m_path”. Includes Ann Arbor staging for lymphomas. NB: It is not guaranteed that data from the individual t_path, n_path and m_path variables have been combined into this variable, so they should be used in parallel. | TEXT | 0, 0A, 0IS, 1, 1A, 1A1, 1A2, 1B, 1B1, 1B2, 1C, 1E, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5, 6, ?, U, X, blank |
| Stage system (Pathological) | stage_path_system | Version of the TNM classification of malignant cancers used to stage the tumour for the pathological TNM values | NUMBER | 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23,24, blank |
| Stage (Pathological pre-treatment) | stage_path_pretreated | Pathological stage at diagnosis recorded prior to treatment | TEXT | Y = Yes, N = No |
| T stage (Best) | t_best | T stage flagged by the registry as the best | TEXT | |
| N stage (Best) | n_best | N stage flagged by the registry as the best | TEXT | |
| M stage (Best) | m_best | M stage flagged by the registry as the best | TEXT | |
| Stage (Best) | stage_best | Combination of best T, N and M in “t_best”, “n_best” and “m_best”. Includes Ann Arbor staging for lymphomas. NB: It is not guaranteed that data from the individual t_best, n_best and m_best variables have been combined into this variable, so they should be used in parallel. | TEXT | 0, 0A, 0IS =Stage 0 1, 1A, 1A1, 1A2, 1B, 1B1, 1B2, 1C, 1E = Stage 1 2, 2A, 2A1, 2A2, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2S = Stage 2 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 3S = Stage 3 4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4S = Stage 4 6 = not stageable ? = insufficient information U = unstageable, X = not staged |
| Stage system (Best) | stage_best_system | Version of the TNM classification of malignant cancers used to stage the tumour for the best TNM values | NUMBER | 5 = 5th, 6 = 6th, 7 = 7th, 20 = UICC 5, 21 = UICC 6, 22 = UICC 7, 23 = AJCC 7, 24 =Unknown |



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| Excision margin | excisionmargin | Whether the surgical excision margin finding was clear of the tumour and if so, by how much | TEXT | 01 = Excision margins are clear (distance from margin not stated) 02 = Excision margins are clear (tumour >5mm from the margin) 03 = Excision margins are clear (tumour >1mm but less than or equal to 5mm from the margin) 04 = Tumour is less than or equal to 1mm from excision margin, but does not reach margin 05 = Tumour reaches excision margin 06 = Uncertain 07 = Margin not involved =>1mm 08 = Margin not involved <1mm 09 = Margin not involved 1-5mm 98 = Not applicable 99 = Not Known |
| Screen detected | screendetected | Whether or not the tumour was detected by a screening programme | TEXT | N = No, Y = Yes, 8 = Not applicable, 9 = Not known |
| Screening status | screeningstatuscosd_code | Screening status | TEXT | 1 = screen-detected, 2 = interval cancer, 4 = lapsed attender, 5 = never attended, 6 = never invited, 9 = not known, NM = not mapped |
| Screening status (detailed) | screeningstatusfull_code | The value of the sub-classification of the screening flag. Populated when the screening status is "Other". For breast screening service: www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/breastscreen/publications/nhsbsp62.pdf (page 4, section 2). For cervical screening service see: www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/cervical/publications/nhscsp28.pdf (page 37) | TEXT | |



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| Date of first recorded treatment event | date_first_event | Date of first recorded treatment event | DATE | ddmmyyyy |
| Date of first recorded surgery | date_first_surgery | Date of first recorded surgery event | DATE | ddmmyyyy |
| Catchment area code | creg_code | Code for the cancer registry catchment area the patient was resident in when the tumour was diagnosed | TEXT | Y0801=Thames Cancer Registry Y0201=Northern & Yorkshire Cancer Registry & Information Service Y0301=Trent Cancer Registry Y1201=West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit Y0401=Eastern Cancer Registration & Information Centre Y1701=North West Cancer Intelligence Service Y1001=South West Cancer Intelligence Service Y1101=Welsh Cancer Intelligence & Surveillance Unit Y0901=Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit Z9999=blank |
| Route to diagnosis | route_code | The code assigned to a route for the purpose of the algorithm. Note: available for cancers diagnosed in 2006-2014. See BJC publication. | | |
| Finalised route code | final_route | The published route with all dataset types accounted for. Note: available for cancers diagnosed in 2006-2014. See BJC publication. | | |



3. Treatment table

| <i>Column description</i> | <i>Column name</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Field Type</i> | <i>Valid Content</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| CPRD patient Identifier | e_patid | Unique patient identifier based on CPRD primary care data – pseudonymised. | ID | Number |
| CR patient Identifier | e_cr_patid | Unique patient identifier based on NCRAS data - pseudonymised. In some cases the same person may have multiple patient IDs. Patient IDs will be retained even after two patient records are found to be the same person. | ID | Number |
| CR tumour identifier | e_cr_id | Unique tumour identifier based on NCRAS data – pseudonymised. | ID | Number |
| Number of tumours | number_of_tumours | Number of tumours affected by this event | NUMBER | |
| Type of event | eventcode | Type of event | TEXT | 01a = Surgery – curative, 01b = Surgery - not curative, 01z = Surgery etc. - type unknown, 02 = Cytotoxic Chemotherapy, 03 = Hormone Therapy, 05 = RT – Teletherapy, 06 =RT – Brachytherapy, 15 = Immunotherapy, 97 = Other Treatment, 99 = Treatment unknown, CTX = CT – Other, IM = Imaging, RTX = RT - Other/NK |
| Treatment date | eventdate | Date the treatment took place | DATE | ddmmyyyy |
| Treatment month | eventmonth | Month the treatment took place | NUMBER | mm |
| Treatment year | eventyear | Year the treatment took place | NUMBER | yyyy |



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| Treatment within six months | within_six_months_flag | Whether treatment was within six months of date of diagnosis | NUMBER | 0 = No, 1 = Yes |
| Treatment after six months | six_months_after_flag | Whether treatment was after six months from date of diagnosis | NUMBER | 0 = No, 1 = Yes |
| OPCS code | opcs4_code | Operations, procedures and interventions coded | TEXT | OPCS4 code |
| OPCS name | opcs4_name | Name of operation, procedure or intervention | TEXT | |
| Radiotherapy code | radiocode | Radiotherapy type | TEXT | 1 = 1 + 2, 2 = 1 + 4, 3 = Brachytherapy, 4 = External beam, 5 = Intracavitary or interstitial, 8 = Other, B = Radioactive isotopes, X = Unknown / inapplicable |
| Imaging code | imagingcode | Imaging code | TEXT | |
| Imaging site | imagingsite | Site on body where imaging occurred | TEXT | |
| Lesion size | lesionsize | The size in millimetres of the diameter of a lesion, largest if more than one (histology) | NUMBER | Number or blank |
| Chemotherapy drug | chemo_drug | Name of chemotherapy drug | TEXT | Please note this is a non-mandated text field that may not be complete or contain the specific drug name. |