



GUIDE TO COLLECTING COSD DATA FOR BREAST CANCER RECURRENCE

What is a recurrence?

A cancer recurrence can be defined as the return of an invasive cancer after treatment and after a period with no apparent cancer. The length of time is not clearly defined. The same cancer may come back where it first started or somewhere else in the body.

A **progression** differs from recurrence as it relates to a deterioration in known persistent cancer.

A **transformation** is uncommon in breast cancer and does not apply if the recurrent cancer has an altered grade / molecular marker profile.

Confirming and recording a recurrence

All suspected recurrence diagnoses should be discussed at MDT. If the cancer is located within the breast the MDT should decide if it is a new primary or a recurrence.

Completion of the date of diagnosis of recurrence (CR6500) is particularly important.

If the case is deemed to be a recurrence **you must record a new non-primary breast cancer pathway** and complete **all** data items shown on the right to successfully record a recurrence in COSD.

TNM stage is not recorded for a recurrence.

COSD DATA ENTRY CHECKLIST

Refer to the COSD User Guide for further details of any item shown.

Referral Details - Non-Primary Cancer Pathway

- CR0300 Source of Referral
- CR7400 Date First Seen
- CR7410 Organisation Site Identifier (Provider First Seen)
 Minimum 5 character code

Diagnosis

- CR7100 Original Primary Diagnosis (ICD)
- CR6500 Date of Non-Primary Pathway (Clinically Agreed)
 Record the date when the cancer recurrence diagnosis was confirmed or agreed. This will normally be one of the three following dates: **Pathology, MDT** or **Other** (such as clinical imaging or investigation).
- CR6520 Metastatic / Recurrence Type
The location of the recurrence:
- CR1590 Metastatic Site(s) *multiple sites may be selected*
- CR9000 Method of Detection *not applicable for breast*

including histology / cytology *including imaging*

Palliative Care Specialist Activity

- CR1550 Palliative Care Specialist Seen Indicator (Cancer Recurrence)

Clinical Nurse Specialist

- CR2050 Clinical Nurse Specialist Indication Code
Record when contact is made with a site-specific clinical nurse specialist.

Further help and information

Visit digital.nhs.uk/ndrs/data/data-sets/cosd for details of the Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset including the COSD User Guide.

