

## How to record a New Primary, Recurrence, Progression or Transformation

A new referral flow chart, “how to decide whether it is a ‘New Diagnosis’, ‘Recurrence’ or a ‘Progression’”, has been developed and displayed below to help support MDT Coordinators and cancer services teams.

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We have created a flow chart to help and support MDT Coordinators understand these complex pathways and record the data accurately.

Below are some additional guidance notes, supporting the flow chart...

#### \* Recurrence:

As explained above a ‘Recurrence’ is defined as the return of cancer after treatment and after a period of time during which the cancer cannot be detected. The patient would have previously been informed that they are **‘free of the disease or that the disease is not detectable.’**

COSD has specific items to identify this using the ‘Treatment Event Type’ field as follows

- 03 - Treatment for a local recurrence of a primary cancer
- 04 - Treatment for a regional recurrence of cancer
- 05 - Treatment for a distant recurrence of cancer (metastatic disease)
- 06 - Treatment for multiple recurrence of cancer (local/or regional and/or distant)

#### \*\* Progression

When the cancer spreads or gets worse it is called progression and the patient **has not** been told they are free of the disease.

COSD has specific items to identify this using the ‘Treatment Event Type’ field as follows

- 09 - Treatment for relapse or primary cancer (second or subsequent)
- 10 - Treatment of progression or primary cancer (second or subsequent)

**Note: Morphology - The morphology of a tumour may change with progression, but often a different morphology implies a new tumour. Your clinical teams should confirm if it is a new tumour. Morphology (if known) can be recorded using either [CR6400] or [CR0180].**

## When to record a New Primary, Recurrence, Progression or Transformation

A diagnosis can either be recorded on a **Primary Pathway** OR a **Non-Primary Cancer Pathway**.

For all **New Primary** diagnoses – Create a new record on a **Primary Pathway**.

For all **Recurrence** diagnoses – Create a new record on a **Non-Primary Cancer Pathway**.

For **Progression** and **Transformation** diagnoses, EITHER:

- Create a new record on a **Non-Primary Pathway** (if you do not have an existing cancer record on your system, but the patient was diagnosed with cancer at another hospital)

OR

- Record the information on the existing **Primary Pathway** (where there is a new primary diagnosis already on the system).

