# Person—dependency in activities of daily living (eating), code N

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#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

**Short name:** Dependency in activities of daily living—eating

METEOR identifier: 270415

Registration status: Health, Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** An indicator of a person's need for assistance with eating, as represented by a

code.

**Context:** Dependency reflects the person's need, rather than the actual service provision

which addresses that need. This is essential information in the community environment, where the relationship between a person's functional status and care allocated is not direct. The involvement of 'informal' carers, the possibility of resource allocation being driven by availability rather than need, and the vulnerability of system to inequity, all require a 'standard' view of the person. It is against this background that resource allocation and carer burden can then be monitored. It is important to distinguish between this view of dependency and that of the institutional system, where a dependency 'measure' may be used to predict

or dictate staffing needs or to allocate funding.

Data Element Concept: Person—dependency in activities of daily living

Value

Value Domain: <u>Eating dependency code N</u>

#### Value domain attributes

#### Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Permissible values:

1 Independent
2 Requires observation or rare physical assistance
3 Cannot perform the activity without some assistance

4 Full assistance required (totally dependent)

Meaning

5 Tube-fed only

### Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Services may elect to adopt the measures as defined in this metadata item or

adopt one of the following tools now available, such as the Bryan, Barthel, Katz,

Functional Independence Measure, Resource Utilisation Groups etc.

Each agency should seek to adopt a dependency classification, which can be

mapped to other classifications and produce equivalent scores.

Collection methods: Commencement of care episode (there may be several visits in which assessment

data are gathered).

**Comments:** There are a significant number of dependency instruments in use in the community

and institutional care. The Community Nursing Minimum Data Set Australia recommends the adoption of a dependency tool from a limited range of options as

outlined in Guide for use.

The Person dependency in activities of daily living metadata items consist of a number of standard elements, which can be used to map to and/or score from the

majority of dependency instruments.

#### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

Reference documents: ACCNS 1997. Community nursing minimum data set Australia version 2.0: data

dictionary and guidelines. Melbourne: ACCNS

#### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (22.7 KB)

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