Person—dependency in activities of daily living (bed mobility), code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Dependency in activities of daily living—bed mobility
METEOR identifier:	270416
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	An indicator of the level of a person's need for assistance with bed mobility, 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 Domain:	Bed mobility code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	**Meaning**
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) - a hoist is used
	5	2 persons physical assist is required

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

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Each agency should seek to adopt a dependency classification, which can be mapped to other classifications and produce equivalent scores. Code 4: A hoist is used. Code 5: 2 persons physical assist is required.

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: Is re-engineered from Dependency in activities of daily living, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (22.7 KB)
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