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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| Synonymous names: | Body structure nature of change |
| METEOR identifier: | 320628 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 16/10/2006[Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/11/2006 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the nature of the change in a specified body structure in the *Body Structures* component of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2001). |
| Context: | Human functioning and disability. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Classification scheme: | [International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270548) |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 0 | No change in structure |
|   | 1 | Total absence |
|   | 2 | Partial absence |
|   | 3 | Additional part |
|   | 4 | Aberrant dimensions |
|   | 5 | Discontinuity |
|   | 6 | Deviating position |
|   | 7 | Qualitative changes in structure |
| Supplementary values: | 8 | Not specified |
|   | 9  | Not applicable  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '[**Disability**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327304)' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.[***Impairments of body structure***](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327288) are problems in body structure such as a loss or significant departure from population standards or averages.CODE 0     No change in structureUsed when the structure of the body part is within the range of the population standard.CODE 1     Total absenceUsed when the body structure is not present. For example total absence of the structures of the lower leg following a thorough knee amputation.CODE 2     Partial absenceUsed when only part of a body structure is present. For example partial absence of the bones of the lower leg following below knee amputation.CODE 3     Additional partUsed when a structure, not usually present in the population is present, for example a sixth lumbar vertebra or an sixth digit on one hand.CODE 4     Aberrant dimensionsUsed when the shape and size of a body structure is significantly different from the population standard. For example radial aplasia where the shape and size of the radial bone does not develop.CODE 5     DiscontinuityUsed when parts of a body structure are separated, for example cleft palate or fracture.CODE 6     Deviating positionUsed when the location of a structure is not according to population standard; for example, transposition of the great vessels, where the aorta arises from the right ventricle and the pulmonary vessels from the left ventricle.CODE 7     Qualitative changes in structureUsed when the structure of a body part is altered from the population standard. This includes accumulation of fluid, changes in bone structure as a result of osteoporosis or Paget’s disease.CODE 8      Not specifiedUsed when there is a change to a body structure, but the nature of the change is not described.CODE 9      Not applicableUsed when it is not appropriate to code the nature of the change to a body structure. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications. |
| Origin: | WHO 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHOAIHW 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW |
| Reference documents: | Further information on the ICF, including more detailed codes, can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003), at the following websites:* WHO ICF website<http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/>
* Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website<http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.cfm>

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| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Impairment nature code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/288474)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 16/10/2006 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—nature of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/320171)       [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 16/10/2006       [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/11/2006 |