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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| Synonymous names: | Body structure location of impairment |
| METEOR identifier: | 320636 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 16/10/2006  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 29/11/2006  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the location of impairment in a specified body structure from 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 | More than one region |
|  | 1 | Right |
|  | 2 | Left |
|  | 3 | Both sides |
|  | 4 | Front |
|  | 5 | Back |
|  | 6 | Proximal |
|  | 7 | Distal |
| 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* are problems in body structure such as a loss or significant departure from population standards or averages.  Use only one code. Select the one that best describes the situation with this structure. Combinations are not possible.  CODE 0     More than one region (except both sides)  Used when the impairment is present in more than one body location (but not bilaterally see code 3); for example when burn scars affect many areas of skin.  CODE 1     Right  Used when the impairment is present to the right of the midline of the person's body.  CODE 2     Left  Used when the impairment is present to the left of the midline of the person's body.  CODE 3     Both sides (bilateral)  Used when the impairment is two-sided and disposed on opposite sides of the midline axis of the body, for example bilateral joint deformities.  CODE 4     Front  Used when the impairment is present in front of a line passing through the midline of the body when viewed from the side.  CODE 5     Back  Used when the impairment is present behind a line passing through the midline of the body when viewed from the side.  CODE 6     Proximal  Used when the impairment is situated towards the point of origin or attachment, as of a limb or bone (opposed to distal), for example the end of the structure that is closer to the centre of the body.  CODE 7     Distal  Used when the impairment is situated away from the point of origin or attachment, as of a limb or bone (opposed to proximal), for example the end of structure that is further away from the centre of the body.  CODE 8     Not specified  Used when there is an impairment of body structure but the location of the impairment is not recorded.  CODE 9     Not applicable  Used when it is not appropriate to code the location of an impairment of 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: WHO  AIHW 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 location code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/288458)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 16/10/2006 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—location of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/320177)  [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 |