

Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of functional independence (RUG-ADL score)
METEOR identifier:	676194
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 17/01/2020
Definition:	A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) score-based code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of functional independence
Value Domain:	Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living score 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 or supervision only
	2	Limited assistance
	3	Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed
	4	Other than two persons physical assist
	5	Two or more persons physical assist

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The Resource Utilisation Groups –Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) is an assessment tool that assesses a person's motor function for activities of daily living for the following four items:

<i>Item number</i>	<i>Activity of daily living</i>
1	Bed mobility
2	Toileting
3	Transfers
4	Eating

Values 1, 3, 4 and 5 are valid for items 1, 2 and 3.

Values 1, 2 and 3 are valid for item 4.

CODE 2 Limited assistance

Refers to the act of assistance without manual handling. It is used for the activity Eating and is not eligible for other activities.

CODE 3 Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

For activities Bed mobility, Toileting, and Transfer value 3 refers to the act of assistance requiring manual handling (hence the inclusion of 'physical' in the title). For the activity Eating, value 3 refers to more significant assistance with feeding either through physical assistance or the use of medical assistance.

Scores are summed for the four ADL items: bed mobility, toileting, transfer and eating. A total RUG-ADL scores ranges from a minimum 4 and maximum 18.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Reference documents: Fries BE, Schneider DP, Foley WJ, Gavazzi M, Burke R & Cornelius E 1994. Refining a case-mix measure for nursing homes: Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III). Medical Care 32(7): 668–685.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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[Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the RUG-ADL at the commencement of a mental health phase of care is mandatory for admitted and residential patients.

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Reporting of the RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.

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