

Person—bodily location of main injury, code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Bodily location of main injury
METEOR identifier:	268943
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The bodily location of the injury chiefly responsible for the attendance of the person at the health care facility, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—bodily location of main injury
Value Domain:	Bodily location code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	01	Head (excludes face)
	02	Face (excludes eye)
	03	Neck
	04	Thorax
	05	Abdomen
	06	Lower back (includes loin)
	07	Pelvis (includes perineum, anogenital area and buttocks)
	08	Shoulder
	09	Upper arm
	10	Elbow
	11	Forearm
	12	Wrist
	13	Hand (include fingers)
	14	Hip
	15	Thigh
	16	Knee
	17	Lower leg
	18	Ankle
	19	Foot (include toes)
	20	Unspecified bodily location
	21	Multiple injuries (involving more than one bodily location)
	22	Bodily location not required

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: If the full International Classification of Diseases - Tenth Revision - Australian Modification code is used to code the injury, this metadata item is not required (see metadata items Principal diagnosis and Additional diagnosis).

If any code from 01 to 12 or 26 to 29 in the metadata item Nature of main injury has been selected, the body region affected by that injury must be specified.

Select the category that best describes the location of the injury. If two or more categories are judged to be equally appropriate, select the one that comes first on the code list. A major injury, if present, should always be coded rather than a minor injury. If a major injury has been sustained (e.g. a fractured femur), along with one or more minor injuries (e.g. some small abrasions), the major injury should be coded in preference to coding 'multiple injuries'. As a general guide, an injury which, on its own, would be unlikely to have led to the attendance may be regarded as 'minor'. Bodily location of main injury is not required with other nature of main injury codes (code 22 may be used as a filler to indicate that a specific body region code is not required).

Comments: The injury diagnosis is necessary for purposes including epidemiological research, casemix studies and planning. The nature of main injury together with the bodily location of the main injury indicates the diagnosis.

This metadata item is related to the ICD-10-AM injury and poisoning classification. However, coding to the full ICD-10-AM injury and poisoning classification (see metadata item Principal diagnosis) is not available in most settings where basic injury surveillance is undertaken. This metadata item, in combination with the metadata item Nature of main injury is a practicable alternative. Data coded to the full ICD-10-AM codes can be aggregated to match this item, facilitating data comparison. Further information on the national injury surveillance program can be obtained from the National Injury Surveillance Unit, Flinders University, Adelaide.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Injury Surveillance Unit, Flinders University, Adelaide
National Data Standards for Injury Surveillance Advisory Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Bodily location of main injury, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (19.5 KB)

No registration status

See also [Injury event—nature of main injury, non-admitted patient code NN{N} Health, Standard 01/03/2005](#)

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Injury surveillance DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

[Injury surveillance DSS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/12/2009

[Injury surveillance DSS 2010-13](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

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[Injury surveillance NBPDS 2013-](#)

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[Injury surveillance NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/05/2006

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