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# Assistance with activity

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary:	NCSDD	
Knowledgebase ID:	000548	Version number: 1
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT	
Registration Authority:	NCSIMG	Admin status: TRIAL
		Effective date: 07-JAN-00
Definition:	The type of assistance an individual currently has in accomplishing an area of activity, where they experience difficulty without assistance. Activity is the performance of a task or action by an individual.	
Context:	This data element is one of a number of elements that provide information about the extent of activity limitation experienced by an individual in a range of areas, in the absence or presence of assistance (see also 'Activity areas' and 'Activity-level of difficulty'). Activity limitations are difficulties an individual has in the performance of activities.	

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	CODE
Representation layout:	N
Minimum Size:	1
Maximum Size:	1
Data Domain:	1 No assistance used
	2 Non-personal assistance (this includes use of assistive devices, technical aids, adaptations, prostheses, wheelchair, cane and other material help)
	3 Personal assistance (where the task is carried out with the 'help' of another individual, where 'help' includes supervision and cuing as well as physical help).
	4 Both non-personal and personal assistance

Guide For Use: Activity and Activity limitation are classified in the ICIDH-2 Beta-2 draft, 1999. Refer to the Information Annexe - Disability for further details.

Collection Methods: This coding is used in conjunction with specified Activity areas. For example the use of 'personal assistance with self care'. The area in which an individual experiences an activity limitation is indicated in the data element 'Activity areas'. The extent of the activity limitation is indicated in 'Activity-level of difficulty'. This data element indicates the type of assistance the individual currently has in a given area of activity. When 'Assistance with activity' is recorded, the 'Activity-level of difficulty' is taken to be the difficulty experienced given the current assistance.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Body functions version 1  
 relates to the data element Body structures version 1  
 is used in conjunction with Activity - level of difficulty version 1  
 relates to the data element concept Disability version 1  
 relates to the data element Disability grouping - Australian national version 1  
 relates to the data element Disability grouping - International version 1  
 relates to the data element Environmental factors version 1  
 relates to the data element Impairment extent version 1  
 relates to the data element Environmental factors - extent of influence version 1  
 relates to the data element Participation extent version 1  
 is used in conjunction with Activity areas version 1  
 relates to the data element Participation areas version 1  
 relates to the data element Participation satisfaction level version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: ICIDH-2 Beta-2 draft, 1999

Source Organisation: World Health Organisation

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Comments: Disability is a multi-dimensional and complex concept which, has been described in three dimensions (WHO, 1999): Body structures and functions/impairments, Activity/activity limitation and Participation/participation restriction. Environmental factors interact with all dimensions of functioning and disability. All disability is associated with a health condition, disease or injury. The data elements relating to disability are based on the draft ICIDH-2, Beta-2, 1999, as the best available conceptualisation suitable to the purpose. The Beta-2 draft is subject to systematic field trials and further consultation until 2001. Use of the ICIDH-2

