
Assistance with activities and participation

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

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Definition: The help that a person receives or needs from another person, because of their difficulty in performing an activity or in participating in an area of life.

Context: 'Assistance' is an important subset of Environmental factors that may facilitate (or hinder) the activities or participation of people with a disability. Assistance is a key policy and service component in the disability and aged care services field in Australia. Further, it is recognised in the ICF as a crucial factor whose presence (or absence) must be noted when recording measures of functioning and disability.

The concept can be used to describe aspects of the environment. Depending on which environment is present or being considered, the measure of assistance indicates what assistance is currently received (in the current or usual environment) and what would be needed (in an optimum environment). 'Need' more generally relates to environmental factors (including personal assistance, equipment and environmental modifications) that are present in an optimum environment but not in the person's current environment. That is, changes may be needed to environmental factors in order to improve a person's functioning and reduce their disability. While these ideas apply generally to 'Environmental Factors' and the related data element, 'Environmental factors - extent of influence', the concept of 'Assistance' focuses solely on the factor of personal assistance. Measures of assistance and need for assistance are under active development in a number of disciplines and service programs. Assistance may be measured in various ways, for instance in relation to duration, frequency and intensity of assistance. Related data elements are therefore likely to emerge in the future. Recording measures of assistance needed or provided will provide further information about Activity limitations.

The concept 'Assistance with activities and participation' can be

used in conjunction with the data element 'Activity - level of difficulty'.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Related metadata: relates to the data element Body structures version 1
relates to the data element concept Disability version 2
relates to the data element concept Functioning version 1
relates to the data element concept Activity - functioning, disability and health version 1
relates to the data element concept Participation - functioning, disability and health version 1
relates to the data element Body functions version 2
relates to the data element Impairment extent version 2
relates to the data element Activities and participation domains version 2
relates to the data element Activity - level of difficulty version 2
relates to the data element Participation extent version 2
relates to the data element Participation satisfaction level version 2
relates to the data element Environmental factors version 2
relates to the data element Environmental factors - extent of influence version 2
relates to the data element Disability grouping version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW.

Source Organisation: World Health Organization

Comments: The ICF was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2001 and is a core member of the WHO family of health related classifications. Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003) and the following websites:

- Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html>

- WHO ICF website:

<http://www3.who.int/icf/icftemplate.cfm>

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Person participation/independence

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
