
Activity - level of difficulty

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
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Definition: The level of difficulty that an individual has in executing an activity. Activity is the execution of a task or action by an individual. Activity limitations are difficulties an individual may have in executing an activity.

Context: Activity limitation varies with the environment and is assessed in relation to a particular environment; the absence or presence of assistance, including aids and equipment, is an aspect of the environment

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 0	No difficulty
1	Mild difficulty
2	Moderate difficulty
3	Severe difficulty
4	Complete difficulty
9	Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: The area in which an individual experiences an activity limitation is indicated in the data element 'Activities and participation domains'. The presence of an activity limitation with a given activity is indicated by a non-zero response in this data domain. Activity is limited when an individual, in the context of a health condition, either has difficulty performing an activity in an

expected manner, or cannot perform the activity at all. Difficulties with activities can arise when there is a qualitative or quantitative alteration in the way in which these activities are carried out. Activity limitations are assessed against a generally accepted population standard, relative to cultural and social expectations.

Activity limitation is assessed in relation to a specific environment; the absence or presence of assistance, including aids and equipment, is an aspect of the environment.

Collection Methods: This metadata item is used in conjunction with 'Activities and participation domains'. Individual domains can be selected as activities or the list as a whole can be treated as either activities or participation.

This data element, in combination with 'Activities and participation domains', indicates the presence and extent of activity limitation in a given activity.

Many existing assessment tools are in use, and are embedded in measurement and payment methods in services in Australia. Calibration and mapping of existing tools within this international framework will be an important process towards greater national consistency of data on the level of difficulty with activities.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Activity - level of difficulty 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 concept Assistance with activities and participation version 1

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 V1.0. Canberra: AIHW.

Source Organisation: World Health Organization

Comments: The ICF recognises two constructs that can be used with 'Activities and participation domains': performance and capacity. Capacity is assessed in a standardised environment and 'reflects the highest probable level of functioning that a person may reach in

