
Participation extent

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
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Definition: The degree of participation by an individual in a specified life area.

Context: This data element contributes to the definition of the concept 'Disability' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.

This data element may be used to describe the extent of participation in life situations for an individual with a disability. The standard or norm to which an individual's participation is compared is that of an individual without a similar health condition in that particular society. The participation restriction records the discordance between the experienced participation and the expected participation of an individual without a similar health condition. The definition of 'particular society' is not specified and will inevitably give rise to different interpretations. If limiting the interpretation it will be necessary to state the factors which are taken into account, for example, age, gender, ethnicity, religion, education, locality (town, state, rural, remote, urban).

Extent of participation is always associated with a health condition. For example a restriction in participation in exchange of information may be recorded when the person has had a stroke, but not when the restriction is associated only with linguistic diversity, without a related health condition.

A value is attached to restriction of participation (ie. a participation restriction is a disadvantage). The value is dependent on cultural norms, so that an individual can be disadvantaged in one group or location and not in another place.

The ICF is intended to be grounded in a human rights philosophy, and its relationship to the UN Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities endorsed by the United Nations in 1994 is acknowledged. The purpose of the Rules is to ensure that people with disabilities, as members of their societies, may exercise the same rights and obligations as others.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 0	Full participation
1	Mild participation restriction
2	Moderate participation restriction
3	Severe participation restriction
4	Complete participation restriction
8	Not applicable
9	Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: This data element gives an external rating of the extent of restriction in participation in terms of duration, frequency, manner or outcome. The coding is used with specified Participation domains, for example, 'mild restriction of participation in mobility'.

Code 8 Not applicable is recorded when participation in a life area is not relevant, such as employment for an infant.

Collection Methods: This coding is used in conjunction with specified Participation domains. For example a 'mild restriction in participation in exchange of information'.
The life area in which an individual experiences a participation restriction is indicated in the data element 'Activities and participation domains'. The levels of satisfaction with participation in a given life area are indicated in 'Participation-satisfaction level'. Calibration and mapping of existing tools within this international framework will be an important process towards greater national consistency in recording the extent of participation.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Participation extent 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 Participation - functioning, disability and health version 1
relates to the data element concept Assistance with activities and participation version 1
relates to the data element concept Activities and participation domains 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
