
Participation areas

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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Definition: The area of life in which an individual is involved, has access to, and has societal opportunities or barriers. Participation is an individual's involvement in life situations, in relation to Health Conditions, Body Functions and Structures, Activities and Contextual Factors.

Context: The areas of participation classification is a neutral list of life situations that can be used to record positive or neutral participation as well as participation restriction. Participation restrictions are problems an individual may have in the manner or extent of involvement in life situations.
Participation is one of the three dimensions that define the concept Disability. The other two are 'body function and structure' and 'activity'.
Involvement refers to the lived experience of people in the actual context in which they live. This context includes the 'Environmental factors' - all aspects of the physical, social and attitudinal world. The individual's degree of involvement, including society's response to the individual's level of functioning can be reflected by this element when combined with the 'Participation extent' and 'Participation-satisfaction level' elements.
This information may be used to plan interventions to improve extent of or satisfaction with participation.

Relational and Representational Attributes

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

- Data Domain: 1 Participation in personal maintenance as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, personal hygiene, nutrition, organising health care and the prevention of ill health).
- 2 Participation in mobility as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, mobility within the home, within buildings other than home and far from home, the use of private, commercial, and public transportation).
- 3 Participation in exchange of information as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, involvement in the exchange of information about needs, feelings, beliefs, thoughts, by means of spoken, written, or body language, public symbols or communication by means of devices).
- 4 Participation in social relationships as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, involvement in the creation and maintenance of parent-child, sibling, romantic, spousal, friends, acquaintance or formal relationships).
- 5 Participation in home life and assistance to others as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, involvement in management of home and possessions, caring for others and the provision of assistance to others).
- 6 Participation in education as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, involvement in learning in informal settings such as home, and having the opportunity to engage in educational programs in formal settings such as school, vocational and higher education institutions).
- 7 Participation in work and employment as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, involvement in work preparation programs, self-employment, paid employment and voluntary work).
- 8 Participation in economic life as a function of the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, involvement in economic transactions,

- such as buying and selling, using money, purchasing goods and services, maintaining a bank account and trading in stocks bonds and securities. It also includes involvement in economic self-sufficiency such as access to money, being financially self-sufficient and enjoying economic security).
- 9 Participation in community, social and civic life as a function of acceptance by others and the availability and accessibility of resources (includes, for example, having the opportunity to join and being included in formal associations, ceremonies, recreation and leisure. It also includes human rights and involvement in the social, political and legal role of a citizen).
- NOVAL (2 Participation in mobility within the home includes, for example, having the opportunity for mobility within and at all levels of one's residence; having an accessible or adapted home. Participation in mobility outside the home includes, for example, being able to move around outside, or inside buildings other than home; involvement in any form of private, commercial or public transportation).

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

When recording participation restrictions the area of restriction is always associated with a health condition. For example a restriction in the participation in exchange of information may be recorded when the person has had a stroke. Note that the data domain 'participation restriction: communication' is not intended for use where a person is from a non- English speaking background, who has a participation restriction in communication in English, but has no related health condition. Where multiple life areas of participation are recorded, the following prioritising system may be useful.

- The first life situation in which participation or participation restriction is recorded is that which has the greatest impact on the individual and his/her current life goals.
- Second and subsequent life situations are of relevance to the individual and his/her current life goals.
- Up to 9 responses may be recorded.

Collection Methods: The area of life in which an individual experiences a participation restriction is indicated in the data element 'Participation areas'. The

extent of and level of satisfaction with participation in a given area are indicated in 'Participation extent' and 'Participation-satisfaction level'.

There are numerous possible methods for collecting participation in life situations. A decision could be made to collect information about every life situation; select only those life situations of particular relevance (eg. participation in work and employment in relation to employment programs). Or limit to a number of life situations and prioritise according to specified criteria; or even limit to one life situation per person.

Where multiple life situations are recorded, the prioritising system in the guide for use may be useful.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Assistance with activity version 1
relates to the data element Body functions version 1
relates to the data element Body structures version 1
relates to the data element 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
is used in conjunction with Participation extent version 1
relates to the data element Activity areas version 1
is used in conjunction with Participation satisfaction level version 1
has been superseded by Activities and participation domains version 2

Administrative Attributes

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

Source Organisation: World Health Organization

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

