
Body structures

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
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Definition: Body structures are anatomical parts of the body such as organs, limbs and their components.

Context: The 'Body structures' classification is a neutral list of structures that can be used to record positive or neutral body structure as well as impairment of body structure.
Impairments of body structure are problems in body structure such as a loss or significant departure from population standards or averages.
This element, in conjunction with 'Impairment', enables the provision of information about the presence and extent of impairment for any given body structures.
'Body functions' and 'Body structures' together represent one of the three components that define the concept 'Disability'. 'Activities and Participation domains' and 'Environmental factors' are the other two components.

Relational and Representational Attributes

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

Data Domain: 1 Structure of the nervous system
2 Structure of the eye, ear and related structures
3 Structures involved in voice and speech
4 Structures of the cardiovascular, immunological and respiratory systems

- 5 Structures related to the digestive, metabolism and endocrine systems
- 6 Structures related to genitourinary and reproductive systems
- 7 Structures related to movement
- 8 Structure of the skin and related structures

Guide For Use: Multiple codes may be recorded. Where multiple body structures or impairments of body structures are recorded, the following prioritising system should be useful.

- The first recorded body structure or impairment of body function is the one having the greatest impact on the individual.
- Second and subsequent body structure or impairment of body function is also of relevance to the individual.

Collection Methods: In order to indicate the presence and extent of an impairment in relation to a given body structure, 'Impairment' should also be recorded.

Related metadata: 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: 'Body functions' and 'Body structures' represent one of three main components in the ICF that define disability. 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

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Functional characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
