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# Activity - level of difficulty

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000560                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NCSIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
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Definition: The degree of difficulty that an individual has in performing an activity. As such, this data element can be used to indicate whether or not there is an activity limitation and the extent of the activity limitation.  
Activity is the performance of a task or action by an individual.  
Activity limitations are difficulties an individual has in the performance of activities.

Context: This data element is one of a number of elements that provide information about the extent of activity limitation experienced by an individual in one or more activity areas, in the absence or presence of assistance (see also 'Activity areas' and 'Assistance with activity'). The reciprocal relationship between 'Activity-level of difficulty' and 'Assistance with activity' may be used to provide information about support needs and outcomes.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

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

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

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

The area in which an individual experiences difficulty with an activity (ie activity limitation) is indicated in the data element 'Activity areas'. Presence of activity limitation in a given activity area 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 it 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.

Collection Methods: This coding is used in conjunction with specified Activity areas. For example 'mild difficulty with self care activities'.

This data element, in combination with 'Activity areas' indicates the presence and extent of activity limitation in a given area or areas, in the absence of assistance. To indicate the degree of difficulty experienced in the presence of assistance, 'Activity areas' and 'Activity-level of difficulty' should be recorded in conjunction with 'Assistance with activity'.

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with 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 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  
relates to the data element Participation extent version 1  
is used in conjunction with Activity areas version 1  
relates to the data element Participation areas version 1  
relates to the data element Participation satisfaction level version 1  
has been superseded by Activity - level of difficulty version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

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