

Body structures code (ICF 2001) N[NNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
Synonymous names:	Body structures
METEOR identifier:	288368
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 16/10/2006
Definition:	A code set representing the Body Structures component of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2001).
Context:	Human functioning and disability.

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001	
Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[NNNN]	
Maximum character length:	5	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	The	above are ICF chapter headings. For 3, 4 and 5-digit codes under these chapter headings, please refer to the Body Structures component of the ICF.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Body structures are anatomical parts of the body such as organs, limbs and their components.

The 'Body structures' classification is a neutral list of structures that can be used to record relative 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 metadata item, in conjunction with [Impairment extent code X](#), enables the provision of information about the presence and extent of impairment for any given body structures; with [Impairment nature code N](#), the provision of information about the nature of the impairment for given body functions; and [Impairment location code N](#), the location of the impairment for given body functions.

Collection Methods: 'Body functions' and 'Body structures' together represent one of the three components that define the concept '**Disability**'. 'Activities and participation' and 'Environmental factors' are the other two components.

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 are also of relevance to the individual.

The prefix **s** denotes the domains within the component of *Body Structures*.

Codes at the ICF chapter level (i.e. single digit headings such as '3' for the 'Structures involved in voice and speech') may be recorded. If further detail is required, the *Body Structures* component of the ICF provides 3, 4 and 5-digit codes. For example, in the Body Structures classification there are these codes:

- s3 Structures involved in voice and speech
- s320 Structure of mouth
- s3204 Structure of lips
- s32040 Upper lip

In order to indicate the presence and extent, nature or location of an impairment in relation to a given body structure, [Impairment extent code N](#), [Impairment nature code N](#) and [Impairment location code N](#) should also be recorded respectively.

Multiple codes may be recorded.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications.

Origin: 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

Reference documents: Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003), at the following websites:

- WHO ICF website
<http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/>
- Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Body structure code \(ICF 2001\) AN\[NNNN\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006