

# Impairment location code (ICF 2001) N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	288458
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 16/10/2006
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the location of impairment in a specified body structure from the <i>Body Structures</i> component of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2001).
<b>Context:</b>	Human functioning and disability.

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	0	More than one region
	1	Right
	2	Left
	3	Both sides
	4	Front
	5	Back
	6	Proximal
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	7	Distal
	8	Not specified
	9	Not applicable

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

*Impairments of body structure* are problems in body structure such as a loss or significant departure from population standards or averages.

Impairments are recorded in terms of their extent or magnitude, nature and/or location. Determination of impairment is undertaken primarily by those qualified to evaluate physical and mental functioning or structure according to these standards.

This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '[Disability](#)' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.

CODE 0 More than one region

Is recorded when the impairment is present in more than one body location; for example when burn scars affect many areas of skin.

CODE 1 Right

Is recorded when the impairment is present to the right of the midline of the body when viewed from either the back or the front (sagittal axis).

CODE 2 Left

Is recorded when the impairment is present to the left of the midline of the body when viewed from either the back or the front (sagittal axis).

CODE 3 Both sides

Is recorded when the impairment is present on both sides of the midline (sagittal plane) of the body, for example bilateral amputations.

CODE 4 Front

Is recorded when the impairment is present in front of a line passing through the midline of the body when viewed from the side (coronal plane).

CODE 5 Back

Is recorded when the impairment is present behind a line passing through the midline of the body when viewed from the side (coronal plane).

CODE 6 Proximal

Is recorded when the impairment is present nearer the head than a line passing midway between the top of the head and the soles of the feet (transverse plane).

CODE 7 Distal

Is recorded when the impairment is present nearer the feet than a line passing midway between the top of the head and the soles of the feet (transverse plane).

**Collection Methods:**

This coding is used in conjunction with specified body structures, for example 'impairment of proximal structures related to movement'. This code may also be used in conjunction with [Impairment extent code X](#) and [Impairment nature code X](#).

Impairments should be detectable or noticeable by others or the person by direct observation or by inference from indirect observation. Impairments are not the same as the underlying pathology, but are manifestations of that pathology.

Impairments can be temporary or permanent; progressive, regressive or static; intermittent or continuous. The deviation from the population norm may be slight or severe and may fluctuate over time. Impairments may result in other impairments.

Impairments may be part or an expression of a health condition, but do not necessarily indicate that a disease is present or that the individual should be regarded as sick.

**Comments:****Source and reference attributes**

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the WHO Family of International Classifications.
<b>Origin:</b>	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
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW documents: 2003), at the following websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO ICF website: <a href="http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/">http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/</a></li> <li>• Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website <a href="http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html">http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html</a></li> </ul>

## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Has been superseded by <a href="#">Impairment location code (ICF 2001) N Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 16/10/2006 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/11/2006
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