

Person—extent of impairment of body function, code (ICF 2001) N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Impairment of body function
METEOR identifier:	320138
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	A person's degree of impairment in a specified body function, as represented by a code.
Context:	Human functioning and disability
Data Element Concept:	Person—extent of impairment of body function
Value Domain:	Impairment extent code (ICF 2001) N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001	
Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	No impairment
	1	Mild impairment
	2	Moderate impairment
	3	Severe impairment
	4	Complete impairment
Supplementary values:	8	Not specified
	9	Not applicable

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept 'Disability' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.</p> <p>Impairments of body structure or body function are problems in body structure or function such as a loss or significant departure from population standards or averages.</p> <p>CODE 0 No impairment</p> <p>Used when there is no significant variation from accepted population standards in the biomedical status of the body structure or its functions [0-4%].</p> <p>CODE 1 Mild impairment</p> <p>Used when there is a slight or low variation from accepted population standards in the biomedical status of the body structure or its functions [5-24%].</p> <p>CODE 2 Moderate impairment</p> <p>Used when there is a medium (significant but not severe) variation from accepted population standards in the biomedical status of the body structure or its functions [25-49%].</p> <p>CODE 3 Severe impairment</p> <p>Used when there is an extreme variation from accepted population standards in the biomedical status of the body structure or its functions [50-95%].</p> <p>CODE 4 Complete impairment</p> <p>Used when there is a total variation from accepted population standards in the biomedical status of the body structure or its functions [96-100%].</p>
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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:	<p>World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO</p> <p>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW</p>
Reference documents:	<p>Further information on the ICF including more detailed codes, can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003), at the following websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO ICF website http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/ • Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.cfm

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>This coding is to be used in conjunction with specified Body Functions domains. For example, 'a mild impairment of functions related to the brain' to indicate the area of impairment and, potentially, the sorts of interventions that may result in improved functioning. The body function in which an individual experiences an impairment is indicated using the metadata item Person—body function, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNNN].</p>
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Person—body function, code \(ICF 2001\) AN\[NNNN\]](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
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