Person—body function, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Body function
Synonymous names:	Body function code
METEOR identifier:	320141
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 16/10/2006 Disability, Standard 13/08/2015 Health, Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	The physiological or psychological function of a person's body system, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—body function
Value Domain:	Body function code (ICF 2001) AN[NNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	AN[NNNN]
Maximum character length:	6

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '**Disability**' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.

Data can be collected at the three digit level in one chapter and at the chapter level in another. However it is only possible to collect data at a single level of the hierarchy in a single chapter to maintain mutual exclusivity. For example, it is not permitted to collect both Exercise tolerance functions (3 digit level) and 'fatigability' (4-digit level) as the former includes the latter.

The value domain below refers to the highest hierarchical level (ICF chapter level). Data collected at this level, in association with *Impairment extent code N* will use the codes as indicated.

CODE b1   Mental functions
CODE b2   Sensory functions and pain
CODE b3   Voice and speech functions
CODE b4   Functions of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems
CODE b5   Functions of the digestive, metabolic and the endocrine system
CODE b6   Genitourinary and reproductive functions
CODE b7   Neuromusculoskeletal and movement-related functions
CODE b8   Functions of the skin and related structures

Data collected at this level will provide a general description of the structures and can only be compared with data collected at the same level.

Each chapter contains categories at different levels ordered from general to detailed. For more detailed information the user should follow the structure of the ICF; the codes should be drawn from the same hierarchical level within any particular chapter. The full range of permissible values together, with definitions is listed in the *Body Functions* component of the ICF.

An example of a value domain at the 3 digit level from the Sensory functions and pain chapter may include:

CODE b210   Seeing functions
CODE b230   Hearing functions
CODE b235   Vestibular functions
CODE b250   Taste functions
CODE b255   Smell functions
CODE b260   Proprioceptive functions
CODE b265   Touch functions
CODE b270   Sensory functions related to temperature and other stimuli
CODE b279   Additional sensory functions, other specified and unspecified

An example of a value domain at the 4 digit level from the body function component may include:

CODE b1300   Energy level
CODE b1400   Sustaining attention
CODE b1442   Retrieval of memory
CODE b1521   Regulation of emotion
CODE b1641   Organization and planning

The prefix *b* denotes the domains within the component of *Body Functions*.

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:	WHO 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO
	AIHW 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW

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:

- 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: This data element can be used to record positive or neutral body function, as well as impairment of body function when used in conjunction with the metadata item Person—extent of impairment of body function, code (ICF 2001)N.

Where multiple body functions or impairments of body functions are recorded, the following prioritising system should be useful.

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

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also Person—extent of impairment of body function, code (ICF 2001) N
Community Services (retired), Standard 16/10/2006
Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
Health, Standard 29/11/2006

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Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
Health, Standard 29/11/2006