

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Body structure
Synonymous names:	Body structure code
METEOR identifier:	320147
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 16/10/2006• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015• Health, Standard 29/11/2006
Definition:	An anatomical part of a person's body such as organs, limbs or their components, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—body structure

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 'Skin and related structures' (chapter level) and 'Structure of nails' (3 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 respective qualifiers (*Impairment extent code N, Impairment nature code N, Impairment location code N*) will use the codes as indicated.

CODE s1 Structures of the nervous system
CODE s2 The eye, ear and related structures
CODE s3 Structures involved in voice and speech
CODE s4 Structures of the cardiovascular, immunological and respiratory systems
CODE s5 Structures related to the digestive, metabolic and endocrine systems
CODE s6 Structures related to the genitourinary and reproductive systems
CODE s7 Structures related to movement
CODE s8 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 Structures](#) component of the ICF.

An example of a value domain at the 3 digit level from the Structures of the nervous system chapter may include:

CODE s110 Structure of the brain
CODE s120 Spinal cord and related structures
CODE s130 Structure of the meninges
CODE s140 Structure of sympathetic nervous system
CODE s150 Structure of parasympathetic nervous system
CODE s198 Structure of the nervous system, other specified
CODE s199 Structure of the nervous system, unspecified

An example of a value domain at the 4 digit level from the Structures related to movement chapter may include:

CODE s7300 Structure of upper arm
CODE s7301 Structure of forearm
CODE s7302 Structure of hand
CODE s7500 Structure of thigh
CODE s7501 Structure of lower leg
CODE s7502 Structure of ankle and foot
CODE s7600 Structure of vertebral column

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

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

Reference documents: 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 consists of a single, neutral list of body structures that can be used to record positive or neutral body function. In conjunction with *Impairment extent code N*, it 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.

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 is also of relevance to the individual.

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Body structures cluster Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

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