

Person—location of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Location of impairment
METEOR identifier:	320177
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:	The location of a person's impairment in a specified body structure, as represented by a code.
Context:	Human functioning and disability
Data Element Concept:	Person—location of impairment of body structure

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Value	Meaning
0	More than one region
1	Right
2	Left
3	Both sides
4	Front
5	Back
6	Proximal
7	Distal

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
8	Not specified
9	Not applicable

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.

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

Use only one code. Select the one that best describes the situation with this structure. Combinations are not possible.

CODE 0 More than one region (except both sides)

Used when the impairment is present in more than one body location (but not bilaterally see code 3); for example when burn scars affect many areas of skin.

CODE 1 Right

Used when the impairment is present to the right of the midline of the person's body.

CODE 2 Left

Used when the impairment is present to the left of the midline of the person's body.

CODE 3 Both sides (bilateral)

Used when the impairment is two-sided and disposed on opposite sides of the midline axis of the body, for example bilateral joint deformities.

CODE 4 Front

Used when the impairment is present in front of a line passing through the midline of the body when viewed from the side.

CODE 5 Back

Used when the impairment is present behind a line passing through the midline of the body when viewed from the side.

CODE 6 Proximal

Used when the impairment is situated towards the point of origin or attachment, as of a limb or bone (opposed to distal), for example the end of the structure that is closer to the centre of the body.

CODE 7 Distal

Used when the impairment is situated away from the point of origin or attachment, as of a limb or bone (opposed to proximal), for example the end of structure that is further away from the centre of the body.

CODE 8 Not specified

Used when there is an impairment of body structure but the location of the impairment is not recorded.

CODE 9 Not applicable

Used when it is not appropriate to code the location of an impairment of body structure.

Source and reference attributes

- Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 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 is to be used in conjunction with specified body structures, for example, 'impairment of proximal structures related to movement'. This data element may also be used in conjunction with Person—extent of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N and Person—nature of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001).

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

- Related metadata references:** See also [Person—extent of impairment of body structure, code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
 - [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
 - [Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006
- See also [Person—nature of impairment of body structure, code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
 - [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
 - [Health](#), Standard 29/11/2006

- 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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