

Impairment location code (ICF 2001) N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
Synonymous names:	Body structure location of impairment
METEOR identifier:	320636
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/10/2006 Health , Standard 29/11/2006 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	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).
Context:	Human functioning and disability.

Representational attributes

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

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Impairment location code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Person—location 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