

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

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
	7	Distal
Supplementary values:	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

Classification scheme attributes

Classification scheme: [International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001](#)

Synonymous names: ICF 2001

METEOR identifier: 270548

Definition: The World Health Organization's (WHO) system for classifying functioning, disability and health.

Registration status: [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/12/2004
[Health](#), Standard 23/02/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

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Comments: The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2001 and is a reference member of the WHO Family of International Classifications and of the Australian Family of Health and Related Classifications (endorsed by the National Health Information Management Group in 2002).

Source and reference attributes

Origin: World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO

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