

# Impairment location code (ICF 2001) N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

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