

# Impairment of body structure

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

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

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

**Context:** Body structures are classified in ICF in neutral terms. To indicate that there is a problem with a body structure requires the use of the body structures code for the structure affected and the impairment extent code to denote the extent or magnitude of the problem.  
The impairment nature and impairment location codes can be used to expand the description of a problem with a body structure.

## Source and reference attributes

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

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW

### Comments

This glossary term is based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). The ICF was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2001 as 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).

The ICF provides a framework for the description of human functioning and disability. The components of ICF are defined in relation to a health condition. A health condition is an 'umbrella term for disease (acute or chronic), disorder, injury or trauma' (WHO 2001). A health condition may be recorded, for example, as Episode of care principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 3rd edn) ANN{.N[N]} and Episode of care additional diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 3rd edn) ANN{.N[N]}.

Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003) and 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.html>

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

[Body structures](#)

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

[Body structures code \(ICF 2001\) N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

[Extent of environmental factors influence code \(ICF 2001\) \[X\]N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

[Impairment extent code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 16/10/2006

[Impairment nature code \(ICF 2001\) N](#)

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

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

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
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