

# Body functions

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	327294
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 16/10/2006 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/11/2006 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	Body functions are the physiological functions of body systems (including psychological functions).

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Body functions are organised according to body systems. The term 'body' refers to the human organism as a whole and includes mental or psychological functions. Body functions are classified in neutral terms. To indicate that there is a problem with a body function requires the use of the impairment extent code to denote the extent or magnitude of the problem together with the body functions code.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>This glossary item 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).</p> <p>The ICF provides a framework for the description of human functioning and disability. The components of the 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 ed) ANN{.N[N]} and Episode of care additional diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 3rd ed) ANN{.N[N]}.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. ICF: 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
<b>Reference documents:</b>	Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003) and the following websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WHO ICF website <a href="http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/">http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/</a></li><li>• Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website <a href="http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html">http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html</a></li></ul>

## Relational attributes

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