

Patient—primary body function or structure affected, body function or structure code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary body function or structure of patient affected
METEOR identifier:	330176
Registration status:	Health , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The primary body function or structure of the patient alleged to have been affected, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Patient—primary body function or structure affected
Value Domain:	Body function or structure code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
Permissible values:	Value	Meaning
	1	Mental functions or structures of the nervous system
	2	Sensory functions and pain of the eye, ear and related structures
	3	Voice and speech functions or structures involved in voice and speech
	4	Functions or structures of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems
	5	Functions or structures of the digestive, metabolic and endocrine systems
	6	Genitourinary or reproductive functions and structures
	7	Neuromusculoskeletal or movement-related functions and structures
	8	Functions and structures of the skin and related structures
Supplementary values:	9	Death
	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	The coding categories for this value domain are based on the chapter headings for body functions and body structures in the Body component of the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2.1a) (WHO 2003).
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	WHO (World Health Organization) 2003. International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). Geneva: WHO

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: <i>Patient—additional body function or structure affected, body function or structure code N/[N]</i> to provide information on the nature of the harm alleged to have resulted from a health-care incident.</p> <p>Only one primary body function or structure may be selected.</p> <p>The primary body function or structure affected should be that which has the greatest impact on the patient.</p> <p>Where this impact is psychological it should be recorded as Code 1 'Mental functions or structures of the nervous system'.</p> <p>Where the patient experiences pain as a result of the health-care incident, record the code for the body structure with which the pain is most closely associated. Where the pain experienced by the patient as a result of the health-care incident is deemed to be more disabling than the associated physical or mental damage to the patient, then record Code 2 'Sensory functions and pain of the eye, ear and related structures'.</p> <p>In the case of cancer primarily affecting a single organ or body part, the appropriate code for that organ or body part should be recorded. Where the cancer has progressed and affects major body systems, Code 4 'Functions or structures of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems' should be recorded. This rule should also be followed for other conditions affecting major body systems.</p>
Comments:	This data element is fully aligned with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (2006) National Claims and Policies Database, data item 16. 'Body functions or structures affected'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	APRA (Australian Prudential Regulation Authority) 2006. Data Specifications National Claims and Policies Database document number 3.1. Canberra: APRA

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also Patient—additional body function or structure affected, body function or structure code N/[N] Health , Standard 21/11/2013
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DSS specific information: This data element relates to the primary body function or structure of the patient alleged to have been affected as a result of a health-care incident.

[Medical indemnity NBPDS 2014-](#)

[Health](#), Standard 21/11/2013

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