

# Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Value Domain

**METEOR identifier:** 446314

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 11/04/2014
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Qualified 23/11/2015

**Definition:** A code set that represents an individual's need for assistance with four activities of daily living.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N

**Maximum character length:** 1

**Supplementary values:**

- 1 Independent or supervision only
- 2 Limited assistance
- 3 Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed
- 4 Other than two persons physical assist
- 5 Two or more person physical assist

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) is a four item scale measuring a person's motor function for activities of daily living including:

- Bed mobility
- Toileting
- Transfers
- Eating

For bed mobility, toileting and transfers, valid values are:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 3 - Limited physical assistance
- 4 - Other than two persons physical assist
- 5 - Two or more person physical assist

Note: a score of 2 is not valid.

For eating, valid values are:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 2 - Limited assistance
- 3 - Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

Note: a score of 4 or 5 is not valid.

Scores are summed for the four ADL variables: bed mobility, toilet use, transfer and eating. A total RUG-ADL scores ranges from a minimum 4 and maximum 18.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Qualified 23/11/2015