

Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of functional independence (RUG-ADL score)
METEOR identifier:	446318
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 25/01/2018 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Qualified 23/11/2015
Definition:	A person's level of functional independence, as represented by a RUG-ADL score-based code. Functional independence is the ability to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of functional independence
Value Domain:	Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
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.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Reference documents: Fries BE, Schneider DP et al 1994, 'Refining a case-mix measure for nursing homes: Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III)' Medical Care, vol. 32, pp. 668-685.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](#)
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 28/02/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017
Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the RUG-ADL at the commencement of a mental health phase of care is mandatory for admitted and residential patients.

Reporting of the RUG-ADL is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2017-18](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

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Reporting of the RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.

[Admitted patient mental health care cluster](#)

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014

Conditional obligation: Reporting of the RUG-ADL at admission is mandatory for admitted patients in psychiatric hospitals or designated psychiatric units in acute hospitals. Reporting is optional for admitted patients in non-designated hospitals or units.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2014-15](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Conditional obligation:

Only the Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) scores at admission are required to be reported for maintenance care episodes.

RUG-ADL scores at palliative care phase start should be reported for all palliative care phases.

Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as:

- Code 3, Palliative care; or
- Code 6, Maintenance care.

Only required to be reported when the [Episode of admitted patient care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no code N](#) value is recorded as Code 2, No.

Not required to be reported for patients aged 16 years and under at admission.

DSS specific information:

For episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as 3 Palliative care, the RUG-ADL scores must be reported for each [palliative care phase](#) if the episode of admitted patient care had more than one phase.

[Residential patient mental health care cluster](#)

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the RUG-ADL at admission is mandatory for residential mental health care services that are included in the General list of in-scope public hospital services, which have been developed under the National Health Reform Agreement (2011). Reporting is optional for episodes of residential mental health care provided by government-funded, non-government operated services.

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