

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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 , Superseded 25/01/2018 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

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	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

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bed mobility</li> <li>• Toileting</li> <li>• Transfers</li> <li>• Eating</li> </ul> <p>For bed mobility, toileting and transfers, valid values are:</p> <p>1 - Independent or supervision only</p> <p>3 - Limited physical assistance</p> <p>4 - Other than two persons physical assist</p> <p>5 - Two or more person physical assist</p> <p>Note: a score of 2 is not valid.</p> <p>For eating, valid values are:</p> <p>1 - Independent or supervision only</p> <p>2 - Limited assistance</p> <p>3 - Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed</p> <p>Note: a score of 4 or 5 is not valid.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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

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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.

The RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.