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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Qualified 23/11/2015 |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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/449145) |
| Value Domain: | [Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/446314) |

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| 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 |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676194)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/01/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613880)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639992)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018 ***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.  Reporting of the RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.  [Admitted patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575027)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/556874)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491557) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/550492) 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]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491557) recorded as 3 Palliative care, the RUG-ADL scores must be reported for each [**palliative care phase**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/497358) if the episode of admitted patient care had more than one phase.  [Residential patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575036)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), 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. |