Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups– Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Level of functional independence (total RUG-ADL score) |
| METEOR identifier: | 699569 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/12/2019 |
| Definition: | A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a total Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living score-based code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—level of functional independence](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/680996)  |
| Value Domain: | [Resource Utilisation Groups–Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699572) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[N] |
| Maximum character length: | 2 |

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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 only3 - Limited physical assistance4 - Other than two persons physical assist5 - Two or more person physical assistNote: a score of 2 is not valid. For eating, valid values are:1 - Independent or supervision only2 - Limited assistance3 - Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fedNote: a score of 4 or 5 is not valid.Scores are summed for the four ADL variables (i.e. bed mobility, toileting, transfers and eating) to reach a total RUG-ADL score. A total RUG-ADL score ranges from a minimum score of 4 to a maximum score of 18.The total RUG-ADL score differs from the [individual RUG-ADL](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676194) score as it is the total of all the [individual RUG-ADL](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676194) item scores added together. |

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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 32: 668-685. |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups– Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/681502)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/10/2018Has been superseded by [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups–Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717986)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/12/2022       [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 28/03/2023See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717778)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 23/12/2020See also [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 17/01/2020See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/730829)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/12/2022 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2019-20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699414)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/12/2019***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020***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/584408) recorded as:* Code 3, Palliative care; or
* Code 6, Maintenance care.

Not required to be reported for patients aged 17 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/584408) recorded as Code 3, Palliative care, the RUG-ADL scores must be reported for each [**palliative care phase**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/681549)if the episode of admitted patient care had more than one phase. |