

# Person—level of functional independence, Functional Independence Measure score code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Level of functional independence (FIM™ score)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	717982
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 18/12/2019</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 06/05/2020</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a <a href="#">Functional Independence Measure</a> score-based code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—level of functional independence</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The [Functional Independence Measure](#) (FIM™) is an instrument which indicates a patient's disability level.

FIM™ is comprised of 18 items, grouped into 2 subscales - motor and cognition.

The motor subscale includes:

- Eating
- Grooming
- Bathing
- Dressing, upper body
- Dressing, lower body
- Toileting
- Bladder management
- Bowel management
- Transfers - bed/chair/wheelchair
- Transfers - toilet
- Transfers - bath/shower
- Walk/wheelchair
- Stairs

The cognition subscale includes:

- Comprehension
- Expression
- Social interaction
- Problem solving
- Memory

Each item is scored on a 7 point ordinal scale, ranging from a score of 1 to a score of 7. The higher the score, the more independent the patient is in performing the task associated with that item.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This code should be used in circumstances where the FIM score code has not been collected. This code is not to be used on FIM score data collection forms.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Data element attributes

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**Guide for use:** This data element is used to report a score for one of the 18 items that comprise the Functional Independence Measure instrument. It should be reported in an array of 18 to gain a full (FIM™) score. The total (FIM™) score ranges from 18 to 126. If a response to a question within the score contains a value of 9 (not stated/inadequately described), this should not be included in the calculation of the total (FIM™) score.

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—level of functional independence, Functional Independence Measure score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/05/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2020–21Health](#),  
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*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2020

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**Conditional obligation:**

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

- Code 2, Rehabilitation care; or
- Code 4, Geriatric evaluation and management.

**DSS specific information:**

Only the [Functional Independence Measure](#) scores at admission are required to be reported.

Not required to be reported for patients aged 17 and under at admission.

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[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2020](#) [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 15/06/2020

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**Conditional obligation:**

Required when the Care Type is Rehabilitation or Geriatric evaluation and management