Activity areas

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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Definition: Broad areas of tasks or actions that may be performed by an individual.

Context: The areas of activity classification is a neutral list of activities that can be used to record positive or neutral performance as well as activity limitations. Activity limitations are difficulties an individual has in the performance of activities.

This data element is one of a number of elements that enable the provision of information about the difficulty experienced by an individual in a range of activity areas, in the absence or presence of assistance (see also 'Activity-level of difficulty' and 'Assistance with activity').

Activity is one of the three dimensions that define the Disability. The other two dimensions are body function and structure and participation.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: NNNNNNNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 8

Data Domain:

1	Activities of learning and applying knowledge (includes, for example, activities of learning to read, activities of learning to write, problem solving activities, decision making activities).
2	Communication activities (includes, for example: activities of understanding messages such as

understanding literal and implied meaning of spoken message or non-verbal message. As well as, activities of producing messages such as producing literal and implied meaning in formal sign language or conveying meaning by drawing, painting or using photographs; and conversation activities such as initiating, maintaining, shaping and directing conversation or using communication devices and techniques).

3   Movement activities (includes, for example, activities of maintaining and changing body position, activities of carrying, moving and manipulating objects. Excludes walking see below 4).

4   Activities of moving around (includes, for example, walking and related activities, activities of moving around using transportation).

5   Self-care activities (includes, for example, activities of washing and drying oneself, activities relating to going to the toilet, dressing, eating, drinking, activities of looking after one's health).

6   Domestic activities (includes for example, activities of acquiring necessities such as shopping for, transporting and storing daily necessities, household activities such as organising meals and disposing of garbage. Activities of caring for possessions and assisting others such as making and repairing clothes, taking care of plants and animals, and assisting others).

7   Interpersonal activities (includes, for example, activities of initiating, maintaining and terminating interactions or relationships, engaging in physical intimacy).

8   Performing tasks and major life activities (includes, for example, organising time and materials, carrying out and completing a task; organising daily routine, sustaining task performance. Activities of performing in major life situations include activities involved in work or school and in recreation, religious or spiritual pursuits).

9   Not stated/inadequately described

Guide For Use: Activity and Activity limitation are classified in the ICIDH-2 Beta-2 draft, 1999. Refer to the Information Annexe - Disability for further details.

When recording activity limitations that activity limitation is

always associated with a health condition. For example a communication activity limitation may be recorded when the person has had a stroke. The category of 'communication activity limitation' is not intended for use where a person has an English language limitation, but has no related health condition.

Where multiple activities or activity limitations are recorded, the following prioritising system may be useful.

- The first recorded Activity or Activity limitation is the one having the greatest impact on the individual and his/her current life goals.

- Second and subsequent recorded Activities or Activity limitations are also of relevance to the individual and his/her current life goals.

- Up to nine responses may be recorded.

Collection Methods: In order to indicate that an Activity limitation exists in relation to a given area of activity, 'Activity-level of difficulty' should also be recorded.

There are numerous possible methods for collecting areas of activity or activity limitation. A decision could be made to collect information about every area of activity; select only those areas of particular relevance (eg. movement activities in relation to rehabilitation services). Or limit to a number of areas of activity and prioritise the areas according to specified criteria; or even limit to one activity/activity limitation per person.

Where multiple activities or activity limitations are recorded, the prioritising system in the Guide for use may be useful.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Assistance with activity version 1
relates to the data element Body functions version 1
relates to the data element Body structures version 1
relates to the data element Activity - level of difficulty version 1
relates to the data element concept Disability version 1
relates to the data element Disability grouping - Australian national version 1
relates to the data element Disability grouping - International version 1
relates to the data element Environmental factors version 1
relates to the data element Impairment extent version 1
relates to the data element Environmental factors - extent of influence version 1
relates to the data element Participation extent version 1
relates to the data element Participation areas version 1
relates to the data element Participation satisfaction level version 1
has been superseded by Activities and participation domains version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: ICIDH-2 Beta-2 draft, 1999

Source Organisation: World Health Organization

Comments: Disability is a multi-dimensional and complex concept, which has been described in three dimensions (WHO, 1999): Body structures and functions/impairments, Activity/activity limitation and Participation/participation restriction. Environmental factors interact with all dimensions of functioning and disability. All disability is associated with a health condition, disease or injury. The data elements relating to disability are based on the draft ICIDH-2, Beta-2, 1999, as the best available conceptualisation suitable to the purpose. The Beta-2 draft is subject to systematic field trials and further consultation until 2001. Use of the ICIDH-2 has not been endorsed by WHO Member States. Endorsement by the World Health Assembly is expected to be sought in 2001. Further information on the ICIDH-2 can be found on the WHO website: http://www.who.ch/icidh For further information on disability see the Information Annexe - Disability.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM   Person participation/independence

Data Agreements which include this Data Element