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# Participation - functioning, disability and health

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NCSDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000857                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT  
Admin status: SUPERSEDED                      Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: In the context of health, participation is involvement in a life situation. Participation restrictions are problems an individual may experience in involvement in life situations.  
Context: Involvement refers to the lived experience of people in the actual context in which they live. This context includes 'Environmental Factors'- all aspects of the physical, social and attitudinal world. The individual's degree of involvement can be reflected by this element when combined with 'Participation extent' and 'Participation - satisfaction level'.  
'Activities and participation' is one of three components that define the concept 'Disability', along with 'Body functions and structures' and 'Environmental factors'. 'Activities and participation' is also encompassed within the concept 'Functioning'.  
The concept 'Participation', as defined here and as measured in the data elements 'Participation extent' and 'Participation - satisfaction level', may be relevant to people and human services not related to disability. In time, a related and more generic data element may be developed. In the meantime, the addition of 'functioning, disability and health' to the name of the data element concept indicates that the current concept is based on the concept and framework developed by World Health Organization to assist in the classification and description of functioning and disability, as contained in the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype:  
Related metadata:    relates to the data element Body structures version 1

relates to the data element concept Disability version 2  
relates to the data element concept Functioning version 1  
relates to the data element concept Activity - functioning,  
disability and health version 1  
relates to the data element concept Assistance with activities and  
participation version 1  
relates to the data element Body functions version 2  
relates to the data element Impairment extent version 2  
relates to the data element Activities and participation domains  
version 2  
relates to the data element Activity - level of difficulty version 2  
relates to the data element Participation extent version 2  
relates to the data element Participation satisfaction level version 2  
relates to the data element Environmental factors version 2  
relates to the data element Environmental factors - extent of  
influence version 2  
relates to the data element Disability grouping version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: World Health Organization (WHO) 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW.

Source Organisation: World Health Organization

Comments: 'Activities and Participation' is one of three components in the ICF that define disability. The ICF was endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2001 and is a core member of the WHO family of health related classifications. Further information on the ICF can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003) and the following websites:

- Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.html>

- WHO ICF website:

<http://www3.who.int/icf/icftemplate.cfm>

The ICF provides a framework for the description of human functioning. The components of the ICF are defined in relation to a health condition. A health condition is an 'umbrella term for disease (acute or chronic), disorder, injury or trauma' (WHO 2001).

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### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NCSIM

Person participation/independence

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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