

# Person—nature of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Change to body structure
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	320171
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 16/10/2006 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 29/11/2006 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The qualitative or quantitative change of a person's impairment in a specified body structure, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—nature of impairment of body structure</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Impairment nature code (ICF 2001) N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	0	No change in structure
	1	Total absence
	2	Partial absence
	3	Additional part
	4	Aberrant dimensions
	5	Discontinuity
	6	Deviating position
	7	Qualitative changes in structure
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Not specified
	9	Not applicable

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '[Disability](#)' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.

[Impairments of body structure](#) are problems in body structure such as a loss or significant departure from population standards or averages.

CODE 0 No change in structure

Used when the structure of the body part is within the range of the population standard.

CODE 1 Total absence

Used when the body structure is not present. For example total absence of the structures of the lower leg following a thorough knee amputation.

CODE 2 Partial absence

Used when only part of a body structure is present. For example partial absence of the bones of the lower leg following below knee amputation.

CODE 3 Additional part

Used when a structure, not usually present in the population is present, for example a sixth lumbar vertebra or an sixth digit on one hand.

CODE 4 Aberrant dimensions

Used when the shape and size of a body structure is significantly different from the population standard. For example radial aplasia where the shape and size of the radial bone does not develop.

CODE 5 Discontinuity

Used when parts of a body structure are separated, for example cleft palate or fracture.

CODE 6 Deviating position

Used when the location of a structure is not according to population standard; for example, transposition of the great vessels, where the aorta arises from the right ventricle and the pulmonary vessels from the left ventricle.

CODE 7 Qualitative changes in structure

Used when the structure of a body part is altered from the population standard. This includes accumulation of fluid, changes in bone structure as a result of osteoporosis or Paget's disease.

CODE 8 Not specified

Used when there is a change to a body structure, but the nature of the change is not described.

CODE 9 Not applicable

Used when it is not appropriate to code the nature of the change to a body structure.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications.

**Origin:** WHO 2001. ICF: International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Geneva: WHO

AIHW 2003. ICF Australian User Guide Version 1.0. Canberra: AIHW

**Reference documents:** Further information on the ICF, including more detailed codes, can be found in the ICF itself and the ICF Australian User Guide (AIHW 2003), at the following websites:

- WHO ICF website  
<http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/>
- Australian Collaborating Centre ICF website  
<http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf/index.cfm>

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element is used in conjunction with specified body structures, for example 'partial absence of structures related to movement'. This data element may also be used in conjunction with Person—extent of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N and Person—location of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) which is the Australian Collaborating Centre for the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Person—extent of impairment of body structure, code \(ICF 2001\) N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health!](#), Standard 29/11/2006

See also [Person—location of impairment of body structure, code \(ICF 2001\) N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health!](#), Standard 29/11/2006

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Body structures cluster Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/10/2006  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015  
[Health!](#), Standard 29/11/2006