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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| Synonymous names: | Body structure nature of change |
| METEOR identifier: | 320628 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 16/10/2006  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 29/11/2006  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the nature of the change in a specified body structure in the *Body Structures* component of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF 2001). |
| Context: | Human functioning and disability. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health 2001](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270548) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 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 |
| Supplementary values: | 8 | Not specified |
|  | 9 | Not applicable |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This metadata item contributes to the definition of the concept '[**Disability**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327304)' and gives an indication of the experience of disability for a person.  [***Impairments of body structure***](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327288) 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. |

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| 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> |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Impairment nature code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/288474)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 16/10/2006 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—nature of impairment of body structure, code (ICF 2001) N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/320171)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 16/10/2006  [Disability](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/08/2015  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 29/11/2006 |