

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

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## 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>	681470
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">HealthI</a> , Superseded 18/12/2019 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 06/05/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a Functional Independence Measure score-based code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—level of functional independence</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Functional Independence Measure score code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<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>	1	Total assistance with helper
	2	Maximal assistance with helper
	3	Moderate assistance with helper
	4	Minimal assistance with helper
	5	Supervision or setup with helper
	6	Modified independence with no helper
	7	Complete independence with no helper

### 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. The total FIM™ score ranges from 18 to 126.

## 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.

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## Relational attributes

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

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/01/2018

Has been superseded by [Person—level of functional independence, Functional Independence Measure score code N](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 18/12/2019

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2018-19](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

Only the Functional Independence Measure scores at admission are required to be reported.

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.

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

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