

Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups– Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of functional independence (total RUG-ADL score)
METEOR identifier:	699569
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 18/12/2019
Definition:	A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a total Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living score-based code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of functional independence
Value Domain:	Resource Utilisation Groups–Activities of Daily Living total score code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) is a four item scale measuring a person's motor function for activities of daily living including:

- bed mobility
- toileting
- transfers
- eating.

For bed mobility, toileting and transfers, valid values are:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 3 - Limited physical assistance
- 4 - Other than two persons physical assist
- 5 - Two or more person physical assist

Note: a score of 2 is not valid.

For eating, valid values are:

- 1 - Independent or supervision only
- 2 - Limited assistance
- 3 - Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

Note: a score of 4 or 5 is not valid.

Scores are summed for the four ADL variables (i.e. bed mobility, toileting, transfers and eating) to reach a total RUG-ADL score. A total RUG-ADL score ranges from a minimum score of 4 to a maximum score of 18.

The total RUG-ADL score differs from the [individual RUG-ADL](#) score as it is the total of all the [individual RUG-ADL](#) item scores added together.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Reference documents: Fries BE, Schneider DP et al. 1994. Refining a case-mix measure for nursing homes: Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III). Medical Care 32: 668-685.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups— Activities of Daily Living total score code N\[N\]](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

Has been superseded by [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups— Activities of Daily Living total score code N\[N\]](#)

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

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

See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

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[Health!](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2019-20](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

Only the Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) scores at admission are required to be reported for maintenance care episodes.

RUG-ADL scores at palliative care phase start should be reported for all palliative care phases.

Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as:

- Code 3, Palliative care; or
- Code 6, Maintenance care.

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

DSS specific information:

For episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as Code 3, Palliative care, the RUG-ADL scores must be reported for each [palliative care phase](#) if the episode of admitted patient care had more than one phase.