

# Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living 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 (RUG-ADL score)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	730829
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 23/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	A person's level of functional independence to carry out activities of daily living safely and autonomously, as represented by a <a href="#">Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living</a> (RUG-ADL) score-based code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—level of functional independence</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living 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	Independent or supervision only
	2	Limited assistance
	3	Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed
	4	Other than two persons physical assist
	5	Two or more persons physical assist
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Unknown

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The [Resource Utilisation Groups –Activities of Daily Living](#) (RUG-ADL) is an assessment tool that assesses a person's motor function for activities of daily living for the following four items:

<i>Item number</i>	<i>Activity of daily living</i>
1	Bed mobility
2	Toileting
3	Transfers
4	Eating

Values 1, 3, 4 and 5 are valid for items 1, 2 and 3.

Values 1, 2 and 3 are valid for item 4.

**CODE 1** Independent or supervision only

Tasks/transfers are performed independently or with prompting from carer. No hands-on assistance is required and may be undertaken independently with the use of a device. Specifically for the activity Eating, value 1 refers to the ability to cut, chew and swallow food, independently or with supervision, once meal has been presented in the customary fashion.

**CODE 2** Limited assistance

Refers to the act of assistance without manual handling. It is used for the activity Eating and is not eligible for other activities.

**CODE 3** Limited physical assistance or Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

For activities Bed mobility, Toileting, and Transfer value 3 refers to the act of assistance requiring manual handling (hence the inclusion of 'physical' in the title). For the activity Eating, value 3 refers to more significant assistance with feeding either through physical assistance or the use of medical assistance.

**CODE 4** Other than two persons physical assist

For activities Bed mobility, Toileting and Transfers value 4 refers to the use of a device for assistance and may require the additional assistance of only one other person.

For the activity Bed mobility value 4 refers to use of a hoist or other assisting device to readjust position in bed and physical assist pressure relief. For the activity Toileting value 4 refers to the use of a catheter, uridome or urinal, or a colostomy, bedpan or commode chair, or insertion of enema or suppository. For the activity Transfer value 4 requires the use of a device for any of the transfers performed in the day or night. Value 4 is not eligible for the activity Eating.

**CODE 5** Two or more persons physical assist

Refers to the requirement of two assistants to perform any step of the task/transfer. Value 5 is not eligible for the activity Eating.

Scores are summed for the four ADL items: bed mobility, toileting, transfer and eating. A total RUG-ADL scores ranges from a minimum 4 and maximum 18.

**CODE 8** Unknown

This code should be used for Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living (RUG-ADL) values that are missing or recorded in the RUG-ADL tool as '7 - Unable to rate' and '9 - Not stated/missing'.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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**Reference documents:** Fries BE, Schneider DP, Foley WJ, Gavazzi M, Burke R & Cornelius E 1994. Refining a case-mix measure for nursing homes: Resource Utilization Groups (RUG-III). *Medical Care* 32(7):668–685.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N Health!](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

See also [Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups—Activities of Daily Living total score code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

See also [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

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22 Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting of the RUG-ADL at the commencement of a mental health phase of care is mandatory for admitted and residential patients.

Reporting of the RUG-ADL is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.

Reporting of the RUG-ADL should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23 Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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Reporting of the RUG-ADL is not mandatory if the response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](#) is CODE 1 'Yes'.

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