

# Functional impairment

Any loss or abnormality of a physiological, psychological, or anatomical structure or function, whether permanent or temporary. Identifying impairments that contribute to disability, a functional problem for a patient is a key factor for a health professional to determine the appropriate treatment.

See:

[Acalculia](#)

[Motor impairment](#)

[Asia impairment scale](#).

[Visual impairment](#)

Functional [impairment](#) refers to [limitations](#) due to the illness, as people with a disease may not carry out certain functions in their daily lives. We operationally equate the “functional impairment” concept with “disability” in the WHO's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) 6.

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## Functional outcome

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