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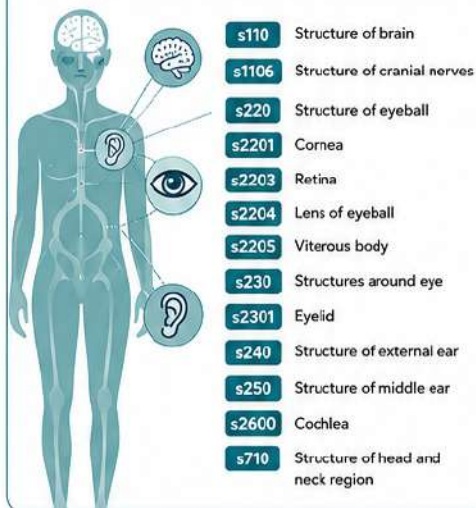
COMPREHENSIVE ICF CORE SET FOR DEAFBLINDNESS

N = 218 ICF CATEGORIES

BODY STRUCTURES

N = 13

= anatomical parts of the body such as organs, limbs and their components



BODY FUNCTIONS

N = 59

= physiological functions of body systems (including psychological functions)

	b117	Intellectual functions	General mental functions required to understand and constructively integrate the various mental functions including all cognitive functions.
	b122	Global psychosocial functions	General mental functions needed to form interpersonal skills for reciprocal social interactions.
	b126	Temperament and personality functions	General mental functions of constitutional disposition that make the individual distinct from others.
	b130	Energy and drive functions	General mental functions that cause the individual to move towards satisfying specific needs and goals persistently.
		b1301 Motivation	Mental functions that produce the incentive to act; the driving force for action.
	b134	Sleep functions	General mental functions of periodic, reversible disengagement with characteristic physiological changes.
	b140	Attention functions	Specific mental functions of focusing on an external stimulus or internal experience.
	b144	Memory functions	Specific mental functions of registering, storing and retrieving information as needed.
	b152	Emotional functions	Specific mental functions related to the feeling and affective components of the mind.
	b156	Perceptual functions	Specific mental functions of recognizing and interpreting sensory stimuli.

Examples of Perceptual Functions



... and more functions including thought functions (b160), higher-level cognitive functions (b164), mental functions of language (b167), and many others.



The Comprehensive ICF Core Set for Deafblindness captures the diversity of body structures and functions that influence the lives of individuals with deafblindness across physical, sensory, cognitive, emotional and social domains.

THE CORE SET COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF FUNCTIONS THAT SUPPORT



COGNITION & MENTAL FUNCTIONS

- Intellectual functions
- Attention & memory
- Higher-level cognitive functions
- Thought functions
- Problem solving, planning & decision making



EMOTIONS & PERSONALITY

- Emotional functions
- Temperament & personality
- Self & time awareness
- Experience of self and time



SENSORY FUNCTIONS

- Seeing & visual functions
- Hearing & sound functions
- Sensory discrimination & localization
- Perceptual functions



COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

- Mental functions of language
- Reception & decoding of messages
- Expression of language
- Sign & spoken language functions



MOTIVATION & ENERGY

- Energy & drive functions
- Motivation
- Appetite & impulse control



SLEEP & CONSCIOUSNESS

- Sleep functions
- Consciousness & orientation
- Level of awareness



This Core Set provides a holistic framework to understand and support individuals with deafblindness, informing assessment, intervention and policy for a more inclusive world.

