

# Glossary

## Key Terms

**Acute** – short term exposure to, or experience of, disease or injury

**Ankylosis** – fusion of bones

**Chronic** – long term exposure to, or experience of, disease or injury

**Clinical Impacts** – refers to physiological responses to disease or injury which warrant treatment /care (ex: fever, pain, inflammation)

**Comorbidity** – presence of more than one disease or injury at the same time

**Duration** – in this context refers to the length of time someone lived with disease or injury, or how long disease or injury may have kept them from engaging in their day-to-day activities

**Functional Impacts** – refers to challenges in undertaking activities of daily living that result from clinical impact(s) of disease or injury, and which may warrant a level of support and/or dedicated care treatment (ex: changes to mobility, difficulties in eating, inability to work)