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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Indication of depressive symptoms at an antenatal visit |
| METEOR identifier: | 704384 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/11/2019 |
| Definition: | The degree of a female's possible symptoms of depression at an [**antenatal care visit**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717749), as represented by an Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score-based code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Female—indication of possible symptoms of depression at an antenatal care visit](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/704382) |
| Value Domain: | [Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/704377) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 0 - 30 | A number representing a score on the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale |
| Supplementary values: | 98 | Unknown |
|  | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 0-30   Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) score  This value should be the total EPDS score.  0-9: Scores in this range may indicate the presence of some symptoms of distress that may be short-lived and are less likely to interfere with the day-to-day ability to function at home or at work.  10-12: Scores within this range indicate presence of symptoms of distress that may be discomforting.  13-30: Scores within this range indicate that likelihood of depression is high.  CODE 98     Unknown  This value should be used if the EPDS score is unknown.  CODE 99     Not stated/inadequately described  This value should be used if the EPDS score is not stated or not completed. |
| Comments: | The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) is a self-report measure and is designed to screen females for symptoms of emotional distress during pregnancy and the postnatal period. The EPDS is not a diagnostic tool and must always be used in conjunction with clinical assessment. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | Centre of Perinatal Excellence 2014. Using the EPDS as a screening tool. Flemington: Centre for Perinatal Excellence. Viewed 27 May 2019, <https://www.cope.org.au/health-professionals/health-professionals-3/calculating-score-epds/> |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NBEDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716067)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Perinatal NBEDS 2021–22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727295)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is recorded for the mother only.  [Perinatal NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742055)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/12/2022  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is recorded for the mother only.  [Perinatal NBEDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756064)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is recorded for the mother only.  [Perinatal NBEDS 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775716)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2024 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025 ***DSS specific information:***  This data element is recorded for the mother only. |