

Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 575041

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Qualified 18/01/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014

Definition: A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 17 years and under.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
0	No problems within the period stated
1	Minor problem requiring no action
2	Mild problem but definitely present
3	Moderately severe problem
4	Severe to very severe problem

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for children and adolescents (HoNOSCA) is used to rate child and adolescent mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOSCA is answered on an item-specific anchored 4-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4. The fifteen scales are as follows:

- Disruptive, antisocial or aggressive behaviour
- Overactivity attention and concentration
- Non-accidental self injury
- Alcohol, substance/solvent misuse
- Scholastic or language skills
- Physical illness or disability problems
- Hallucinations and delusions
- Non-organic somatic symptoms
- Emotional and related symptoms
- Peer relationships
- Self care and independence
- Family life and relationships
- Poor school attendance
- Lack of knowledge - nature of difficulties
- Lack of information - services/management

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales from 1 to 13 represents the total HoNOSCA score. The total HoNOSCA score represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 28/02/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/01/2018

See also [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 18/01/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Not progressed 18/01/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014