

# Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	704377
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 20/11/2019
<b>Definition:</b>	A code representing a score on the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale.

## Representational attributes

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

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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.
<b>Comments:</b>	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.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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**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/>

## Relational attributes

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Female—indication of possible symptoms of depression at an antenatal care visit, Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score code N\[N\]](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 20/11/2019