

# Female—indication of possible symptoms of depression at an antenatal care visit, Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score code N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Indication of depressive symptoms at an antenatal visit
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	704384
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 20/11/2019</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The degree of a female's possible symptoms of depression at an <a href="#">antenatal care visit</a> , as represented by an Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score-based code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Female—indication of possible symptoms of depression at an antenatal care visit</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2				
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0 - 30</td><td>A number representing a score on the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	0 - 30	A number representing a score on the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale
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**Supplementary values:****Value Meaning**

98 Unknown

99 Not stated/inadequately described

## 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.

## 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 Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2020

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2021

[Perinatal NBEDS 2021–22 Health](#), 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 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

*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 Health](#), Recorded 26/07/2022

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2023

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2024

***DSS specific information:***

This data element is recorded for the mother only.