

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

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## 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>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 20/11/2019
<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>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score code N[N]</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>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.
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**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](#)  
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**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NBEDS 2022–23](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022  
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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023  
**DSS specific information:**

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