

Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 717764

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

Definition: A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 65 and over.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Permissible values:

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

8	Unknown
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS 65+) values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS 65+ tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' or '9 - Unknown'.

The HoNOS 65+ is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS 65+ is answered on an item-specific anchored 5-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4, or 8 for unknown. The twelve scales are as follows:

- behavioural disturbance
- non-accidental self injury
- problem drinking or drug use
- cognitive problems
- problems related to physical illness or disability
- problems associated with hallucinations and delusions
- problems associated with depressive symptoms
- other mental and behavioural problems
- problems with social or supportive relationships
- problems with activities of daily living
- overall problems with living conditions
- problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the daytime environment.

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales (excluding code 8 'Unknown') represents the total HoNOS 65+ score. The total HoNOS 65+ score ranges from 0 to 48, and 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:

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Incomplete 03/07/2017

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 19/02/2021

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- [Health](#), Standard 19/02/2021

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 20/09/2022

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

- [Health](#), Standard 17/01/2020

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

- [Health](#), Qualified 20/09/2022

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

[Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

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- [Health](#), Standard 23/12/2020

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