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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	717786
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 19/02/2021
Definition:	A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 17 and under.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	8	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for HoNOSCA values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOSCA tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' and '9 - Unknown'.

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 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 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 (excluding supplementary value 8 Unknown) from 1 to 15 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:

Supersedes Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N
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Health, Standard 20/12/2022

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Health, Superseded 20/12/2022
Tasmanian Health, Standard 06/05/2020

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Health, Superseded 09/12/2022

Data elements implementing this value domain:

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