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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Indication of depressive symptoms at an antenatal visit
METEOR identifier:	704384
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 20/11/2019
Definition:	The degree of a female's possible symptoms of depression at an antenatal care visit , as represented by an Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score-based code.
Data Element Concept:	Female—indication of possible symptoms of depression at an antenatal care visit
Value Domain:	Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale score code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0 - 30	A number representing a score on the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale
Supplementary values:	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.
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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](#)
[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
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