

# National Outcomes and Casemix Collection Training Workshop

Behaviour and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS) - 32



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# Learning Objectives

- Understanding of the background of the Behaviour and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32)
- Understanding the versions and structure of the BASIS-32
- Understanding scoring and interpretation of the BASIS-32
- Understanding offering the BASIS-32

# BASIS-32

- Designed as a measure of the major symptoms and functioning difficulties experienced by people as a result of a mental illness .
- Self report measure
- Respondents indicate the degree of difficulty they are having **over the last two weeks** in a range of dimensions including, managing day to day life, relating to other people, clinical symptoms, physical symptoms, drug and alcohol usage and level of satisfaction with life

# BASIS-32 example item structure

*To what extent are you experiencing difficulty in the area of:*

	No difficulty	A little	Moderate	Quite a bit	Extreme
1. Managing day-to-day life. (e.g. getting to places on time, handling money, making everyday decisions)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# BASIS-32

32 question measure covering 5 sub-scales

- Relation to self and others
- Daily living and role functioning
- Depression and anxiety
- Impulsive and addictive behaviour
- Psychosis

# Scoring and Interpretation

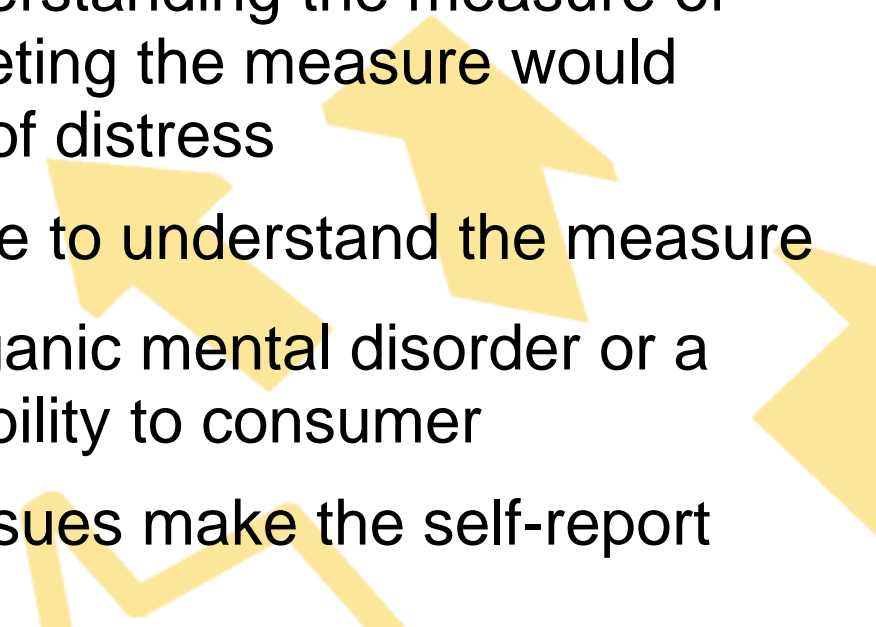
Each Item rated on a 5 point scale from 0 indicating least difficulty to 4 indicating greatest difficulty.

Subscale and overall mean scores range from 0 to 4

Relation to self/others, Depression/anxiety, Impulsive/addictive behaviour, Daily living/role functioning and Psychosis subscales are calculated by summing and dividing by the number of non-missing items for that subscale

A role functioning item can be created by taking the highest rating of items 2, 3, or 4 as an indication of greatest difficulty in role functioning

# Consumer Self Report Measure: When not to offer

- The consumer is too unwell or distressed to complete the measure
    - Psychotic or mood disturbance prevents the consumer from understanding the measure or alternatively, completing the measure would increase their level of distress
  - The consumer is unable to understand the measure
    - As a result of an organic mental disorder or a developmental disability to consumer
  - Cultural or language issues make the self-report measure inappropriate
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## Offering the measure

- Why is it important to complete a consumer self rated measure?
- What happens if I refuse to complete the measure, will it effect my treatment?
- Who is going to use the information?
- What is the information going to be used for?
- Assure the consumer of privacy and confidentiality



## Where to find additional information

[www.mhnooc.org](http://www.mhnooc.org)

