

ABILITY TO MAKE USE OF OUTCOME MEASURES

Knowledge

An ability to draw on knowledge that an outcome measure is a tool that examines the impact of a treatment or intervention on the health, well-being, and values of the patient
An ability to draw on knowledge of recommended standardised measures for this setting that demonstrate reliability and validity
An ability to draw on knowledge that measures may be more challenging to administer when patients are experiencing an acute mental health crisis due to:
difficulties in memory and concentration
experiences of acute emotional distress
very changeable or labile presentations
practical problems such as finding an appropriate time and place to undertake the measure
An ability to draw on knowledge that measures should not be used as the basis for predicting future crisis or risk behaviours because there no clear evidence that they are suited to this purpose
An ability to draw on knowledge that in comparison to outpatient/community samples, there are fewer validated measures for use with inpatient populations (as quite a number have not been appropriately validated with acute samples)
an ability to draw on knowledge of the types of measures that are validated and used in assessments in inpatient settings

Ability to administer measures

An ability to administer a measure in line with its administration instructions, and, if applicable, not administering a measure without the appropriate training
An ability to choose a measure that is suitable for examining experiences of acute mental health crisis and appropriate for the patient's presenting needs
An ability to administer a variety of self-report and clinician-administered measures that are relevant to inpatients and can detect appropriate change
An ability to judge when the patient may need assistance when completing a measure and offer appropriate support to enable them to complete it
An ability to consider the patient's attitude, memory, and concentration (and their behaviours while completing it) when interpreting the results of the scale
An ability to administer measures at appropriate time points, including pre- and post-intervention, which may involve active planning to ensure they can be administered prior to discharge
An ability to score and interpret the results of the measure using the manual guidelines
An ability to interpret information obtained from the measure in the context of assessment and evaluation information obtained by other means