

Everyday Abilities Scale for India (EASI)

1. Does he/she ever forget that he/she has just eaten and asks for food again after he/she has just eaten?
2. Does he/she urinate in an appropriate place?
3. Do his/her clothes ever get dirty from urine or stools?

Tell me the following about his/her clothes (4 & 5)

4. Is his/her shirt buttoned properly?
5. Is his/her dhoti/petticoat tied properly?
6. Is he/she able to work as a member of a team i.e. in a group activity, which requires different roles from people, will he/she be able to participate?
7. Does he/she express his/her opinion appropriately on important family matters, e.g. marriage?
8. If he/she is assigned or himself/herself decides to undertake an important task, can he/she follow it through completion?
9. Is he/she able to remember important festivals such as Holi, Diwali?
10. If he/she is asked to deliver a message does he/she remember to do so?
11. Does he/she appropriately discuss local/regional events such as marriages, disasters, politics?
12. Does he/she ever lose his/her way in the village?

Coding System

A 2-point scale was used. Respondents were asked whether the subject could (coded as 0) or could not (coded as 1) generally perform the activity. A higher total score reflects greater overall disability. If the subject could not generally perform the activity, the reason for non-performance was ascertained. Responses clearly indicative of physical or mental problems or both were so coded. Ambiguous responses (e.g. "old age") were probed and only when it was obvious that no further clarification was forthcoming were they left as such. With the exception of mobility items, we assumed that a response of "old age" reflected a mental rather than a physical condition.