

RCSLT Online Outcome Tool

Therapy Outcome Measures

Definitions related to Therapy Outcome Measures

The following definitions have been developed in collaboration with the authors of Therapy Outcome Measures (Enderby and John, 2015) for the purposes of ensuring the consistent use of terms related to the outcome measure:

Score

In the context of TOMs, a **score** is a single measurement in a domain of the TOMs (i.e. 'impairment', 'activity', participation, 'well-being', 'carer well-being'). It takes the form of a numerical value between 0 and 5.

Rating

In the context of TOMs, a **rating** is a set of scores collected across the domains of TOMs at a single point in time.

Episode of care

In the context of TOMs, an **episode of care** is the period over which a service user receives intervention(s) associated with a set of the therapy goals. The episode of care ends when the client is when an individual has completed treatment and/or discharged, put on review, transferred from inpatient to outpatient service or if the goals of therapy change.

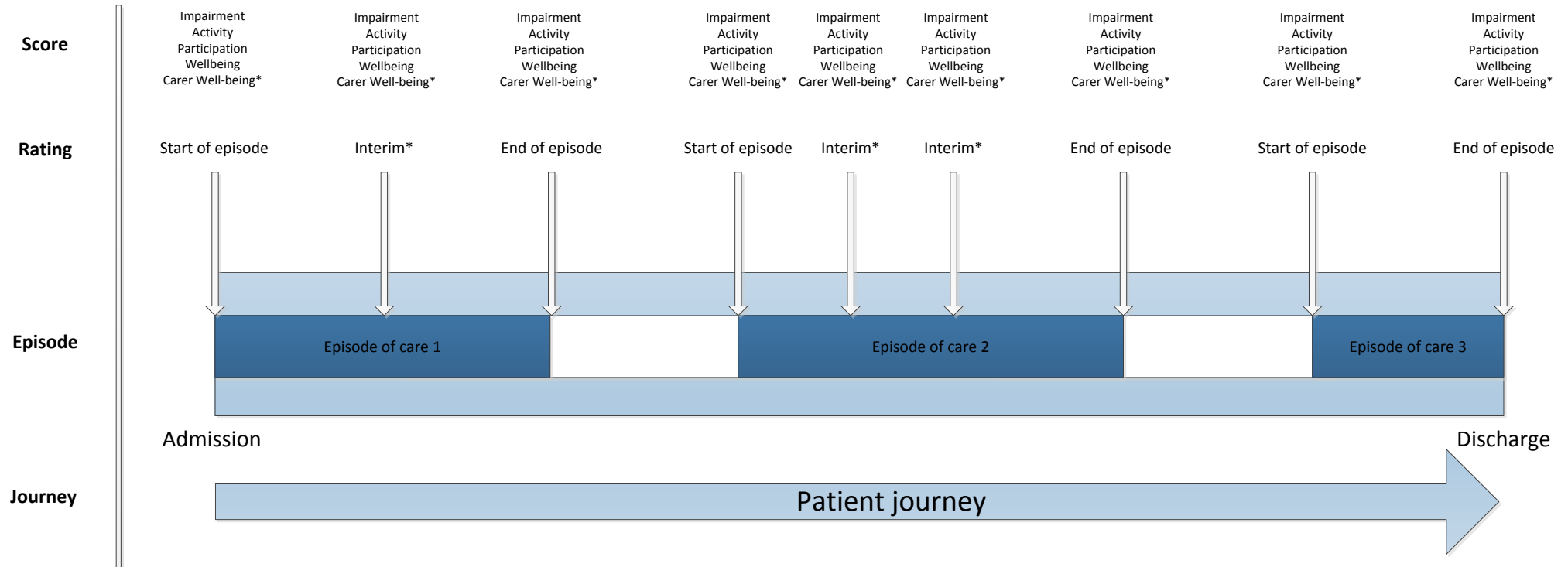
During the **episode of care**, any number of TOMs **ratings** can be made, as required, for a service user. A baseline measurement is taken using TOMs at the beginning of the **episode of care** ("*start*" or "*admission*" rating), followed by measurement at the end of the **episode of care** ("*final*" or "*discharge*" rating), with any number of **ratings** in between ("*interims/intermediate*" ratings). Each **rating** comprises **scores** for each of the domains of TOMs (i.e. 'impairment', 'activity', participation, 'well-being', 'carer well-being'), as applicable. A diagram has been developed to illustrate the use of these terms:

Further information about TOMs is provided in the third edition of the manual (Enderby and John, 2015).

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Key
* = optional



References

Enderby, P. and John, A. (2015) *Therapy outcome measures for rehabilitation professionals*, Third Edition, Guildford: J&R Press Ltd