



OASIS Tip of the Month

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Table four in chapter one of the OASIS Guidance Manual outlines the general OASIS conventions. There are 16 general OASIS conventions and three additional conventions specific to the ADL/IADL section. If you are a PPS Plus software customer, this table can be found under the help tab in your software.

We will continue our discussion of the general OASIS conventions this month by discussing conventions thirteen through sixteen.

General OASIS Conventions 

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Stay current with the evolving CMS OASIS guidance updates. CMS releases a set of Q&A's quarterly with updated guidance on OASIS items. The OASIS Certificate and Competency Board typically posts a copy of the latest Q&A's on their website, oasiscertificate.org. It is extremely important to stay up-to-date on the latest guidance to ensure OASIS accuracy.

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Only one clinician take responsibility for accurately completing a comprehensive assessment, although for selected items, collaboration is appropriate (e.g., Medication items M2000-M2004). These exceptions are noted in the Item Specific Guidance. In the Item Specific Guidance, CMS instructs under the response-specific instructions that collaboration for M2000 is allowed. If portions of the review are completed by other agency staff, the findings must be communicated to the clinician responsible for completing the OASIS so that the appropriate response may be selected. The item specific guidance can be found in chapter three of the OASIS Guidance Manual.

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When the OASIS item includes language specifying "one calendar day" (e.g. M2002 Medication Follow-up), this means until the end of the next calendar day. In order to answer yes to M2002 the assessing clinician has until midnight of the following calendar day to contact the MD with any medication issues and resolve those issues.

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The use of i.e., means "only in these circumstances" or "that is" and scoring of the item should be limited to the examples listed. The use of e.g., means "for example" and the clinician may consider other relevant examples when scoring this item. A good example of an item where these two abbreviations are used is in the responses to M1860. CMS adds clarification to response zero with the following phrase "i.e., needs no human assistance or assistive device." Further examples are given using the e.g. abbreviation in responses one and two: "e.g., cane, single crutch, hemiwalker"; "e.g., walker or crutches."



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