Overview

The Home Care Reporting System (HCRS) — 1 of 31 data holdings of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) — collects and reports data from the Resident Assessment Instrument–Home Care (RAI-HC)©. This standardized clinical assessment was developed by interRAI, a not-for-profit international research network committed to improving care for people with complex medical needs.

The RAI-HC assessment instrument is designed to be used with adults in home and community-based settings. Along with administrative, demographic and resource utilization data, the RAI-HC data collected from publicly funded home care programs is submitted to HCRS and made available across Canada for planning and monitoring care, understanding populations, improving quality and allocating resources.

# Measures available through HCRS

## Outcome scales
Person-level measures of clinical and functional status. Examples include
- Depression Rating Scale
- Cognitive Performance Scale
- Changes in Health, End-Stage Disease and Signs and Symptoms (CHESS)

## Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs)
Person-level reports that identify areas where there is risk of decline or potential to improve. Examples include
- Activities of Daily Living
- Cognitive Loss
- Falls
- Informal Support

## Quality indicators
Organization-level measures of quality across key domains, including safety, health status, appropriateness and effectiveness. Examples include
- Continued Caregiver Distress
- Pain
- Worsened Bladder Continence

## Case mix systems
Organization-level reports that group clients according to similar clinical characteristics and resource use. Resource Utilization Group (RUG) categories include
- Special Care
- Impaired Cognition
- Behaviour Problems
- Reduced Physical Function

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## Accessing HCRS data

### Publicly available
Jurisdiction-level tables with administrative, clinical and resource use information are available through CIHI's [Quick Stats page](https://www.cihi.ca/en/quick-stats).

### HCRS eReports
HCRS eReports provide submitting organizations with secure, web-based access to comparable jurisdiction-level RAI-HC and related data in a user-friendly, interactive environment.

### Data requests
Researchers, decision-makers and health managers can request specific RAI-HC and HCRS data from CIHI at an aggregate or record level to suit their information needs. Interested? Complete and submit the [Data Inquiry Form](https://www.cihi.ca/en/data-inquiry) available on CIHI’s website.

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