

## **How to reference the NIHSI**

### **How to reference the NIHSI in the list of references**

AIHW (2019-20) National Integrated Health Services Information, [aihw.gov.au](http://aihw.gov.au), accessed date month year.

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### **How to describe the NIHSI in a glossary**

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### **Description of NIHSI in a technical note**

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Data linkage for the NIHSI was undertaken using probabilistic linkage. This linkage procedure involves creating record pairs by combining records from one data set with records from another data set based on similarities in characteristics such as last and first name(s); day, month and year of birth; and sex. The Medicare Consumer Directory and the National Death Index were first linked to create the NIHSI linkage spine.

### **How to describe the NIHSI in abbreviations list**

National Integrated Health Services Information (NIHSI)

### **How to reference the NIHSI under tables or graphs**

Source: AIHW NIHSI 2019-20, analysis of NIHSI

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### **How to reference the NIHSI in in-text citation**

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