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| **Operational definitions for cognitive and functional outcomes** | | |
| Change (decline)1: Longitudinal data, data taken across time | Categorical | Decline vs no decline, sometimes determined by a threshold, sometimes just as a score going up and a score going down. |
| Continuous | A mean or median change value from baseline, usually based on a questionnaire or assessment score |
| Performance (impairment): Cross-sectional, data taken at 1 follow-up timepoint and not compared to baseline | Categorical | A threshold for defining impairment is used, and results are categorised based on threshold |
| Continuous | Mean or median etc raw score measured at timepoint |

1Check methods section to determine if they have explained the threshold or method used to categorised as decline or no decline

File structure

Change 🡪 split into Categorical and Continuous data types

Performance 🡪 split into Categorical and Continuous data types