

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Patient Name:	Date:			
	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?				
a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things				
b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless				
c. Trouble falling/staying asleep, sleeping too much				
d. Feeling tired or having little energy				
e. Poor appetite or overeating				
f. Feeling bad about yourself or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down				
g. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television.				
h. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite; being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual.				
 i. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way. 				
2. If you checked off any problem on this questionnaire so far, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?	Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult

PHQ-9* Questionnaire for Depression Scoring and Interpretation Guide

For physician use only

Scoring:

Count the number (#) of boxes checked in a column. Multiply that number by the value indicated below, then add the subtotal to produce a total score. The possible range is 0-27. Use the table below to interpret the PHQ-9 score.

Total score:		_	
Nearly every day	(#)	x 3 =	
More than half the days	(#)	x 2 =	
Several days	(#)	x 1 =	
Not at all	(#)	X = 0	

Interpreting PHQ-9 Scores		_	Actions Based on PH9 Score		
		Score	Action		
Minimal depression	0-4	< 4	The score suggests the patient may not need depression		
Mild depression	5-9		treatment		
Moderate depression	10-14	> 5 - 14	Physician uses clinical judgment about treatment, based		
Moderately severe depression	15-19		on patient's duration of symptoms and functional impairment		
Severe depression	20-27		1		
1		> 15	Warrants treatment for depression, using antidepressant, psychotherapy and/or a combination of treatment.		

^{*} PHQ-9 is described in more detail at the McArthur Institute on Depression & Primary Care website www.depression-primarycare.org/clinicians/toolkits/materials/forms/phq9/