

Patient health questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Please help us provide you with the best medical care by answering the questions below.

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. 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	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3
(For the health professional) total score of all patient answers = _____				
10. If you checked off any problems, 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

(for the health professional)

Scoring and interpreting the PHQ-9:

PHQ-9 score	Depression severity	Proposed Treatment Actions
0 - 4	None – minimal	None
5 - 9	Mild	Watchful waiting; repeat PHQ 9 at follow-up
10 - 14	Moderate	Treatment plan, consider counseling, follow up and/or pharmacotherapy
15-19	Moderately severe	Active treatment with pharmacotherapy and/or psychotherapy
20 - 27	Severe	Immediate initiation of pharmacotherapy and, if severe impairment or poor response to therapy, expedited referral to a mental health specialist for psychotherapy and/or collaborative management.

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