

PHQ-9

Below you will find a list of statements. Please rate how true each statement is for you by circling a number next to it. Use the scale to make your choice.

Over the last two weeks, how often were bothered by 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 badly 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 or watching TV	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 moved around much 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

Interpretation

This is calculated by assigning scores of 0, 1, 2, and 3, to the response categories. PHQ-9 total score for the nine items ranges from 0 to 27. Scores of 5, 10, 15, and 20 represent cut points for mild, moderate, moderately severe and severe depression, respectively.

References

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