

GERIATRIC DEPRESSION SCALE (Short Form)

Choose the best answer for how you have felt over the past week:

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| 1. Are you basically satisfied with your life? | YES / NO |
| 2. Have you dropped many of your activities and interests? | YES / NO |
| 3. Do you feel that your life is empty? | YES / NO |
| 4. Do you often get bored? | YES / NO |
| 5. Are you in good spirits most of the time? | YES / NO |
| 6. Are you afraid that something bad is going to happen to you? | YES / NO |
| 7. Do you feel happy most of the time? | YES / NO |
| 8. Do you often feel helpless? | YES / NO |
| 9. Do you prefer to stay at home, rather than going out and doing new things? | YES / NO |
| 10. Do you feel you have more problems with memory than most? | YES / NO |
| 11. Do you think it is wonderful to be alive now? | YES / NO |
| 12. Do you feel pretty worthless the way you are now? | YES / NO |
| 13. Do you feel full of energy? | YES / NO |
| 14. Do you feel that your situation is hopeless? | YES / NO |
| 15. Do you think that most people are better off than you are? | YES / NO |

Answers in **bold** indicate depression. Although differing sensitivities and specificities have been obtained across studies, for clinical purposes a score >5 points is suggestive of depression and should warrant a follow-up interview. Scores >10 are almost always depression.

(Sheikh & Yesavage, 1986)