

DEPRESSION SCREENING TOOL

Warning: The following screening tool is intended to identify depression. It is not to replace professional and clinical judgment. Consult a clinician for proper diagnosis.

The following questions relate to the most common signs of depression. Check all that apply to you where the symptoms have lasted two or more weeks and occurred nearly on a daily basis.

	YES	NO
Feelings of sadness, crying		
Diminished or loss of interest in pleasurable activities		
Difficulties falling asleep or oversleeping		
Decreased energy and fatigued		
Difficulties in thinking, concentrating, remembering, or indecisiveness		
Feelings of guilt, worthlessness and hopelessness		
Weight loss or gain of more than 5% of body weight in one month		
Restlessness, irritability or being slowed down		
Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide or suicide attempts		

NOTE: The above symptoms are not due to a medical condition or direct effects of a controlled substance or medication.

If you have five or more of these symptoms, and they have been present for over two weeks, you may be depressed.

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