

# GERIATRIC DEPRESSION SCALE (GDS-LF)

**PLEASE RESPOND “YES” OR “NO” TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

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| 1.  | Are you basically satisfied with your life?.....                             | Yes | No |
| 2.  | Have you dropped many of your activities?.....                               | Yes | No |
| 3.  | Do you feel that you life is empty?.....                                     | Yes | No |
| 4.  | Do you often get bored? .....  | Yes | No |
| 5.  | Are you hopeful about the future?.....                                       | Yes | No |
| 6.  | Are you bothered by thoughts you cant get out of your head?.....             | Yes | No |
| 7.  | Are you in good spirits most of the time?.....                               | Yes | No |
| 8.  | Are you afraid something bad is going to happen to you?.....                 | Yes | No |
| 9.  | Do you feel happy most of the time?.....                                     | Yes | No |
| 10. | Do you often feel helpless?.....   | Yes | No |
| 11. | Do you often get restless and fidgety?.....                                  | Yes | No |
| 12. | Do you prefer to stay at home, rather than going out and doing new things?.. | Yes | No |
| 13. | Do you frequently worry about the future?.....                               | Yes | No |
| 14. | Do you feel you have more problems with memory than most?.....               | Yes | No |
| 15. | Do you think it is wonderful to be alive now?.....                           | Yes | No |
| 16. | Do you often feel downhearted and blue?.....                                 | Yes | No |
| 17. | Do you feel pretty worthless the way you are now?.....                       | Yes | No |
| 18. | Do you worry a lot about the past?.....                                      | Yes | No |
| 19. | Do you find life very exciting?.....   | Yes | No |
| 20. | Is it hard for you to get started on a new project?.....                     | Yes | No |
| 21. | Do you feel full of energy?.....   | Yes | No |
| 22. | Do you feel that your situation is hopeless?.....                            | Yes | No |
| 23. | Do you think that most people are better off than you are?.....              | Yes | No |
| 24. | Do you frequently get upset over little things?.....                         | Yes | No |
| 25. | Do you frequently feel like crying?.....                                     | Yes | No |
| 26. | Do you have trouble concentrating?.....                                      | Yes | No |
| 27. | Do you enjoy getting up in the morning?.....                                 | Yes | No |
| 28. | Do you prefer to avoid social gatherings?.....                               | Yes | No |
| 29. | Is it easy for you to make decisions?.....                                   | Yes | No |
| 30. | Is your mind as clear as it used to be?.....                                 | Yes | No |

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### INSTRUCTIONS

#### Administration:

The Geriatric Depression Scale is administered to anyone over the age of 60 years old. For best results read each question to the client and circle their response (yes/no). This will avoid any problems with visual or cognitive impairment the client may have. It is suggested that you not allow elaboration as you go through the questions, but you may go back and utilize an answer on a particular question as a catalyst of discussion or goals and objectives on the treatment plan.

#### Scoring:

This is the original scoring for the scale: One point for each of these answers. Cutoff: normal-0-9; mild depressives-10-19; severe depressives-20-30.

1. no	6. yes	11. yes	16. yes	21. no	26. yes
2. yes	7. no	12. yes	17. yes	22. yes	27. no
3. yes	8. yes	13. yes	18. yes	23. yes	28. yes
4. yes	9. no	14. yes	19. no	24. yes	29. no
5. no	10. yes	15. no	20. yes	25. yes	30. no