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Select the best answer for each of the questions below, and refer to the guidelines on the next page for scoring and interpreting your results.

**Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems (circle your answer from the choices at right):**

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
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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	0	1	2	3

add columns  $1 + 4 + 9$

TOTAL: 14

## Scoring and interpreting your results:

After completing the PHQ-9, you should discuss the findings with a trained healthcare provider.

Does your score indicate the presence of a depressive disorder?

How does a trained healthcare professional analyze a PHQ-9 score?

If you checked at least 4 boxes within the shaded section, including question #1 or #2, that is an indication that you may be suffering from a depressive disorder.

### For More Information

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