Blog on "Depression Scale"

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Depression can be a severe mood disorder affecting how you feel, think, and handle the activities of daily living, like sleeping, eating, or going to work.

Depression can manifest in several different forms and most of them are highly treatable.

The severity of depression is measured by the frequency, intensity, and duration of the symptoms below. If you have questions or concerns about your level of depression after scoring this checklist¹, then please call us at 509.466.6632.

Instructions: Put a check ☑ to indicate how much you have experienced each symptom during the past week, including today. Please answer all 25 items.		0 = Not At All	1 = Some what	2 = Mode rately	3 = A Lot	4 = Extrem ely
Thoughts and Feelings						
1	Feeling sad or down in the dumps					
2	Feeling unhappy or blue					
3	Crying spells or tearfulness					
4	Feeling discouraged					
5	Feeling hopeless					
6	Low self-esteem					
7	Feeling worthless or inadequate					
8	Guilt or shame					
9	Criticizing yourself or blaming others					
10	Difficulty making decisions					
Activities and Personal Relationships						
11	Loss of interest in family, friends or colleagues					

 $^{{1\}atop https://www.uwgb.edu/UWGBCMS/media/Continueing-Professional-Education/files/Assess-Pkt-1-Burns-Depression-Checklist.pdf}$

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12	Loneliness				
13	Spending less time with family or friends				
14	Loss of motivation				
15	Loss of interest in work or other activities				
16	Avoiding work or other activities				
17	Loss of pleasure or satisfaction in life				
Physical Symptoms					
18	Feeling tired				
19	Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much				
20	Decreased or increased appetite				
21	Loss of interest in sex				
22	Worrying about your health				
Suicidal Urges					
23	Do you have any suicidal thoughts?				
24	Would you like to end your life?				
25	Do you have a plan for harming yourself?				
	Please Total Your Score on Items 125 Here:			•	

Total Score	Level of Depression		
No Depression	05		
Normal but unhappy	610		
Mild depression	1125		
Moderate depression	2650		
Severe depression	5175		
Extreme depression	76100		