PHQ-2

Over the past two weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

Little interest or pleasure in doing things.

- 0 = Not at all
- 1 = Several days
- 2 = More than half the days

3 = Nearly every day

Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless.

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

Total point score: _____

Score interpretation:

PHQ-2	Probability of major depressive disorder	Probability of any depressive disorder
score	(%)	(%)
1	15.4	36.9
2	21.1	48.3
3	38.4	75.0
4	45.5	81.2
5	56.4	84.6
6	78.6	92.9

Figure 1. Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (PHQ-2). This questionnaire is used as the initial screening test for major depressive episode.

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