# ZUNG SELF-RATING DEPRESSION SCALE

### Patient's Initials

#### Date of Assessment

Please read each statement and decide how much of the time the statement describes how you have been feeling during the past several days.

| Mak | e check mark (√) in appropriate column.               | A little of the time | Some of the time | Good part<br>of the time | Most of the time |
|-----|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | I feel down-hearted and blue                          |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 2.  | Morning is when I feel the best                       |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 3.  | I have crying spells or feel like it                  |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 4.  | I have trouble sleeping at night                      |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 5.  | I eat as much as I used to                            |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 6.  | l still enjoy sex                                     |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 7.  | I notice that I am losing weight                      |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 8.  | I have trouble with constipation                      |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 9.  | My heart beats faster than usual                      |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 10. | I get tired for no reason                             |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 11. | My mind is as clear as it used to be                  |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 12. | I find it easy to do the things I used to             |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 13. | I am restless and can't keep still                    |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 14. | I feel hopeful about the future                       |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 15. | I am more irritable than usual                        |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 16. | I find it easy to make decisions                      |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 17. | I feel that I am useful and needed                    |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 18. | My life is pretty full                                |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 19. | I feel that others would be better off if I were dead |                      |                  |                          |                  |
| 20. | I still enjoy the things I used to do                 |                      |                  |                          |                  |

Adapted from Zung, A self-rating depression scale, Arch Gen Psychiatry, 1965;12:63-70.

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## **KEY TO SCORING THE ZUNG SELF-RATING DEPRESSION SCALE**

Consult this key for the value (1-4) that correlates with patients' responses to each statement. Add up the numbers for a total score. Most people with depression score between 50 and 69. The highest possible score is 80¹.

| Make check mark (✓) in appropriate column. |   | A little of the time | Some of the time | Good part of the time | Most of the time |
|--|---|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1.   | I feel down-hearted and blue                          | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 2.   | Morning is when I feel the best                       | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 3.   | I have crying spells or feel like it                  | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 4.   | I have trouble sleeping at night                      | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 5.   | I eat as much as I used to                            | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 6.   | l still enjoy sex                                     | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 7.   | I notice that I am losing weight                      | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 8.   | I have trouble with constipation                      | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 9.   | My heart beats faster than usual                      | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 10.  | I get tired for no reason                             | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 11.  | My mind is as clear as it used to be                  | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 12.  | I find it easy to do the things I used to             | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 13.  | I am restless and can't keep still                    | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 14.  | I feel hopeful about the future                       | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 15.  | I am more irritable than usual                        | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 16.  | I find it easy to make decisions                      | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 17.  | I feel that I am useful and needed                    | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 18.  | My life is pretty full                                | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |
| 19.  | I feel that others would be better off if I were dead | 1                    | 2                | 3                     | 4                |
| 20.  | I still enjoy the things I used to do                 | 4                    | 3                | 2                     | 1                |

#### Adapted from Zung.<sup>2</sup>

**References**: 1. Carroll BJ, Fielding JM, Blashki TG. Depression rating scales: a critical review. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 1973; 28:361-366. 2. Zung WWK. A self-rating depression scale. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 1965;12:63-70.

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