

PHQ-4

Over the last 2 weeks , how often have you been bothered by the following problems? (Use “✓” to indicate your answer)	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge	0	1	2	3
2. Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	1	2	3
3. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3

Scoring

PHQ-4 total score ranges from 0 to 12, with categories of psychological distress being:

- None 0-2
- Mild 3-5
- Moderate 6-8
- Severe 9-12

Anxiety subscale = sum of items 1 and 2 (score range, 0 to 6)

Depression subscale = sum of items 3 and 4 (score range, 0 to 6)

On each subscale, a score of 3 or greater is considered positive for screening purposes

The PHQ scales were developed by Drs. Robert L. Spitzer, Janet B.W. Williams, and Kurt Kroenke and colleagues. The PHQ scales are free to use. For research information, contact Dr. Kroenke at kkroenke@regenstrief.org

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