

Child's Name _____

Date _____

Postpartum Depression Screen

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As much as I always could
Not quite as much now
Definitely not as much now
Not at all
2. I have looked forward to things with enjoyment.
As much as I ever did
Somewhat less than I used to
Definitely less than I used to
Hardly at all
3. I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong.
No, never
Not very often
Yes, some of the time
Yes, most of the time
4. I have been anxious or worried for no good reason.
No, not at all
Hardly ever
Yes, sometimes
Yes, very often
5. I have felt scared or panicky for no good reason.
No, not at all
No, not much
Yes, sometimes
Yes, quite a lot
6. Things have been getting on top of me.
No, I've been coping as well as ever
No, most of the time I've coped quite well
Yes, sometimes I haven't been coping as well as usual
Yes, most of the time I haven't been able to cope at all
7. I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping.
No, not at all
Not very often
Yes, sometimes
Yes, most of the time
8. I have felt sad or miserable.
No, not at all
Not very often
Yes, quite often
Yes, most of the time
9. I have been so unhappy that I have been crying.
No, never
Only occasionally
Yes, quite often
Yes, most of the time
10. The thought of hurting myself has occurred to me.
Never
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Scoring: All questions are scored 0, 1, 2, 3, with the top box scored as 0 and the bottom box scored as 3. A score of **12 or more** indicates the need for further clinical assessment and consideration for treatment. Any score other than 0 on question 10 should be discussed with a health care professional immediately. This screen can be used again in the future to track symptoms over time. Many **resources** for treatment of postpartum depression are located on the next page...

Resources for Treatment of Postpartum Depression

National Postpartum Depression Hotline: 1-800-PPD-MOMS (773-6667)

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic: 412-624-2000

Magee-Womens Hospital Behavioral Health Clinic: 412-641-1238

Western Pennsylvania Hospital: 412-578-5105

If you have Highmark insurance, please keep the following in mind:

Highmark Depression Management Program: 1-800-596-9443, option 1

Behavioral Health Emergency Services (24 hour access): 1-800-485-2889, option 1

Blues On Call: 1-888-BLUE-428 or 1-888-258-3428 (24 hour access to a health coach)

For any insurance, check the back of your insurance card for the behavioral health number and call to locate a provider in your area.

Postpartum Support International: 1-800-944-4PPD, www.postpartum.net

The Postpartum Stress Center: www.postpartumstress.com

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE

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