# 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 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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