

Summary of Brief Paper-Based Depression Screening Tools

Title	Validation scores	Time	Description
Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale	Sensitivity = .86 Specificity = .78 For positive screen ≥ 10	5-10 minutes; self-administered; could be self-scored if scoring instructions are provided to patient	The Edinburgh has been the subject of a number of psychometric studies that provide support for its accuracy, validity, and standardization in Britain, Canada, and the U.S. The Edinburgh consists of 10 multiple choice items that produce a “possible depression” score and a single question focusing on potential suicidal ideation. Downloadable from http://www.dbpeds.org/articles/detail.cfm?TextID=485
PHQ-9	Sensitivity = .88 Specificity = .88 For positive screen ≥ 10	5-10 minutes; Self-administered and self-scored; patient can access this online through Pfizer.com or can obtain it from physician	The 9-item Patient Health Questionnaire is a diagnostic measure that assesses DSM IV symptoms present in the past two weeks. It can be used both for diagnosis and monitoring symptom severity during treatment. Can be downloaded from http://www.depression-primarycare.org/clinicians/toolkits/materials/forms/phq9/ or http://www.pfizer.com/pfizer/download/do/phq-9.pdf Laminated copies can be obtained from Pfizer, Inc (the company holding the copyright on all versions).
PRIME-MD PHQ-2 Two-question screen	Sensitivity = .83 Specificity = .92 For positive screen ≥ 3	<1 minute; self-administered or questions can be asked	The physician may follow up with a more comprehensive screening or in person evaluation.
Family Psychosocial Screen (FPS)	UNK	5-10 minutes; Self-administered	This screen, developed by Kathi J. Kemper, M.D., M.P.H., and Kelly Kelleher, M.D., M.P.H, screens for depression as well as substance abuse, domestic violence, and other risk factors (such as low socio-economic status, absence of social support, etc.). Often used as a clinic intake form. Downloadable from: http://pedstest.com/content.php?content=download_resources.html