

Hello Sr. Roundtable members!

We had several requests for the depression scale survey after Ray Ann's presentation at our April 2016 meeting. Here it is for you. Enjoy this day! Lifespan

**Geriatric Depression Scale: Short Form** Choose the best answer for how you have felt over the past week:

1. Are you basically satisfied with your life? **YES** / **NO**
2. Have you dropped many of your activities and interests?  
**YES**/ **NO**
3. Do you feel that your life is empty? **YES**/ **NO**
4. Do you often get bored? **YES**/ **NO**
5. Are you in good spirits most of the time? **YES** /**NO**
6. Are you afraid that something bad is going to happen to you? **YES**/ **NO**
7. Do you feel happy most of the time? **YES** /**NO**
8. Do you often feel helpless? **YES**/ **NO**
9. Do you prefer to stay at home, rather than going out and doing new things? **YES**/ **NO**
10. Do you feel you have more problems with memory than most? **YES**/ **NO**
11. Do you think it is wonderful to be alive now? **YES** /**NO**
12. Do you feel pretty worthless the way you are now? **YES**/ **NO**
13. Do you feel full of energy? **YES** / **NO**
14. Do you feel that your situation is hopeless? **YES**/ **NO**
15. Do you think that most people are better off than you are? **YES**/ **NO**

Answers in **bold** indicate depression. Score 1 point for each **bolded** answer.

A score > 5 points is suggestive of depression.

A score ≥ 10 points is almost always indicative of depression.

A score > 5 points should warrant a follow-up comprehensive assessment.

Source:

<http://www.stanford.edu/~yesavage/GDS.html>