

## CLINICIAN SCORING GUIDE

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### EDINBURGH POSTNATAL DEPRESSION SCALE

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

TOTAL  
SCORE

ADD THE NUMBER NEXT TO EACH CIRCLE THAT HAS BEEN FILLED IN. THIS IS THE TOTAL SCORE.  
SEE ALSO RANGE OF SCORES ON THE EDS.

1. I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things:

- 0 As much as I always could
- 1 Not quite as much now
- 2 Definitely not so much now
- 3 Not at all

2. I have looked forward with enjoyment to things:

- 0 As much as I ever did
- 1 Rather less than I used to
- 2 Definitely less than I used to
- 3 Hardly at all

3. I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong:

- 3 Yes, most of the time
- 2 Yes, some of the time
- 1 Not very often
- 0 No, never

4. I have been anxious or worried for no good reason:

- 0 No, not at all
- 1 Hardly ever
- 2 Yes, sometimes
- 3 Yes, very often

5. I have felt scared or panicky for no very good reason:

- 3 Yes, quite a lot
- 2 Yes, sometimes
- 1 No, not much
- 0 No, not at all

6. Things have been getting on top of me:

- 3 Yes, most of the time I haven't been able to cope at all
- 2 Yes, sometimes I haven't been coping as well as usual
- 1 No, most of the time I have coped quite well
- 0 No, I have been coping as well as ever

7. I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping:

- 3 Yes, most of the time
- 2 Yes, sometimes
- 1 Not very often
- 0 No, not at all

8. I have felt sad or miserable:

- 3 Yes, most of the time
- 2 Yes, quite often
- 1 Not very often
- 0 No, not at all

9. I have been so unhappy that I have been crying:

- 3 Yes, most of the time
- 2 Yes, quite often
- 1 Only occasionally
- 0 No, never

10. The thought of harming myself has occurred to me:

- 3 Yes, quite often
- 2 Sometimes
- 1 Hardly ever
- 0 Never

Scores 1,2 or 3 on Item 10  
IF ANY THOUGHTS OF  
SELF HARM ENQUIRE  
FURTHER and ensure  
SAFETY

\* Murray and Cox 1990 \* Cox, Holden & Sagovsky 1987