

Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)

*For use between **28-32 weeks** in all pregnancies and **6-8 weeks** postpartum

Name: _____ Date: _____ Gestation in Weeks: _____

As you are pregnant or have recently had a baby, we would like to know how you are feeling. Please check the answer that comes closest to how you have felt in the **past 7 days** - not just how you feel today.

Here is an example already completed:

I have felt happy:

- ☐ Yes, all the time ☐ No, not very often
☒ Yes, most of the time ☐ No, not at all

In the past 7 days:

1. I have been able to laugh and see the funny side of things
☐ As much as I always could (0)
☐ Not quite so much now (1)
☐ Definitely not so much now (2)
☐ Not at all (3)
2. I have looked forward with enjoyment to things
☐ As much as I ever did (0)
☐ Rather less than I used to (1)
☐ Definitely less than I used to (2)
☐ Hardly at all (3)
3. I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong
☐ Yes, most of the time (3)
☐ Yes, some of the time (2)
☐ Not very often (1)
☐ No, never (0)
4. I have been anxious or worried for no good reason
☐ No, not at all (0)
☐ Hardly ever (1)
☐ Yes, sometimes (2)
☐ Yes, very often (3)
5. I have felt scared or panicky for no very good reason
☐ Yes, quite a lot (3)
☐ Yes, sometimes (2)
☐ No, not much (1)
☐ No, not at all (0)
6. Things have been getting on top of me
☐ Yes, most of the time I haven't been able to cope (3)
☐ Yes, sometimes I haven't been coping as well as usual (2)
☐ No, most of the time I have coped quite well (1)
☐ No, I have been coping as well as ever (0)
7. I have been so unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping
☐ Yes, most of the time (3)
☐ Yes, sometimes (2)
☐ Not very often (1)
☐ No, not at all (0)
8. I have felt sad or miserable
☐ Yes, most of the time (3)
☐ Yes, quite often (2)
☐ Not very often (1)
☐ No, not at all (0)
9. I have been so unhappy that I have been crying
☐ Yes, most of the time (3)
☐ Yes, quite often (2)
☐ Only occasionally (1)
☐ No, never (0)
10. The thought of harming myself has occurred to me
☐ Yes, quite often (3)
☐ Sometimes (2)
☐ Hardly ever (1)
☐ Never (0)

Total Score =

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