

THE BURNS DEPRESSION CHECKLIST

Place an (X) in the box to the right of each category to indicate how much this type of feeling has

bothered you in the past several days.	0	1	2	3
	Not at All	Somewhat	Moderately	A Lot
I. Sadness : Do you feel sad or down in the dumps?				
2. Discouragement : Does the future look hopeless?				
3. Low self-esteem: Do you feel worthless?				
4. Inferiority: Do you feel inadequate or inferior to others?				
5. Guilt: Do you get self-critical and blame yourself?				
6. Indecisiveness : Is it hard to make decisions?				
7. Irritability: Do you frequently feel angry or resentful?				
8. Loss of interest in life : Have you lost interest in your career, hobbies, family, or friends?				
9. Loss of motivation : Do you have to push				
yourself hard to do things?				
10. Poor self-image: Do you feel old or unattractive?				
11. Appetite changes : Have you lost your				
appetite? Do you overeat or binge				
compulsively?				
12. Sleep changes : Is it hard to get a good night's sleep? Are you excessively tired and				
sleeping too much? 13. Loss of sex drive : Have you lost your interest				
in sex?				
14. Concerns about health : Do you worry excessively about your health?				
15. Suicidal impulses : Do you have thoughts				
that life is not worth living or think you'd be better off dead ?				

SCORING KEY FOR THE BURNS DEPRESSION CHECKLIST

TOTAL SCORE ON ITEMS 1-15

Total Score	Degree of Depression	
0 - 4	minimal or no depression	
5 - 10	normal but unhappy	
11 - 20	borderline to mild depression	
21 - 30	moderate depression	
31 - 45	severe depression	