

HAMILTON DEPRESSION RATING SCALE (HAM-D)

(To be administered by a health care professional)

Patient Name _____

Today's Date _____

The HAM-D is designed to rate the severity of depression in patients. Although it contains 21 areas, calculate the patient's score on the first 17 answers.

1. **DEPRESSED MOOD**
(Gloomy attitude, pessimism about the future, feeling of sadness, tendency to weep)
0 = Absent
1 = Sadness, etc.
2 = Occasional weeping
3 = Frequent weeping
4 = Extreme symptoms

2. **FEELINGS OF GUILT**
0 = Absent
1 = Self-reproach, feels he/she has let people down
2 = Ideas of guilt
3 = Present illness is a punishment; delusions of guilt
4 = Hallucinations of guilt

3. **SUICIDE**
0 = Absent
1 = Feels life is not worth living
2 = Wishes he/she were dead
3 = Suicidal ideas or gestures
4 = Attempts at suicide

4. **INSOMNIA - Initial**
(Difficulty in falling asleep)
0 = Absent
1 = Occasional
2 = Frequent

5. **INSOMNIA - Middle**
(Complains of being restless and disturbed during the night. Waking during the night.)
0 = Absent
1 = Occasional
2 = Frequent

6. **INSOMNIA - Delayed**
(Waking in early hours of the morning and unable to fall asleep again)
0 = Absent
1 = Occasional
2 = Frequent

7. **WORK AND INTERESTS**
0 = No difficulty
1 = Feelings of incapacity, listlessness, indecision and vacillation
2 = Loss of interest in hobbies, decreased social activities
3 = Productivity decreased
4 = Unable to work. Stopped working because of present illness only. (Absence from work after treatment or recovery may rate a lower score).

8. **RETARDATION**
(Slowness of thought, speech, and activity; apathy; stupor.)
0 = Absent
1 = Slight retardation at interview
2 = Obvious retardation at interview
3 = Interview difficult
4 = Complete stupor

9. **AGITATION**
(Restlessness associated with anxiety.)
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1 = Occasional
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10. **ANXIETY - PSYCHIC**
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2 = Worrying about minor matters
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17. **INSIGHT**
(Insight must be interpreted in terms of patient's understanding and background.)
0 = No loss
1 = Partial or doubtful loss
2 = Loss of insight

TOTAL ITEMS 1 TO 17: _____

0 - 7 = Normal
8 - 17 = Mild Depression
18-24 = Moderate Depression
> 25 = Severe Depression

18. **DIURNAL VARIATION**
(Symptoms worse in morning or evening. Note which it is.)
0 = No variation
1 = Mild variation; AM () PM ()
2 = Severe variation; AM () PM ()

19. **DEPERSONALIZATION AND DEREALIZATION**
(feelings of unreality, nihilistic ideas)
0 = Absent
1 = Mild
2 = Moderate
3 = Severe
4 = Incapacitating

20. **PARANOID SYMPTOMS**
(Not with a depressive quality)
0 = None
1 = Suspicious
2 = Ideas of reference
3 = Delusions of reference and persecution
4 = Hallucinations, persecutory

21. **OBSessional SYMPTOMS**
(Obsessive thoughts and compulsions against which the patient struggles)
0 = Absent
1 = Mild
2 = Severe