



# Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to know how you have been feeling in the past week. Please indicate which of the following comes closest to how you have been feeling over the past seven days, not just how you feel today. Please tick one circle for each question that comes closest to how you have felt in the **last seven days**.

Here is an example already completed.

**I have felt happy:**

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

This would mean: 'I have felt happy most of the time during the past week'.

**Please complete the other questions in the same way.**

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

- As much as I always could
- Not quite so much now
- Definitely not so much now
- Not at all

**2.** I have looked forward with enjoyment to things

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

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

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, some of the time
- Not very often
- No, never

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

- No, not at all
- Hardly ever
- Yes, sometimes
- Yes, very often

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

- Yes, quite a lot
- Yes, sometimes
- No, not much
- No, not at all

**6.** Things have been getting on top of me

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

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

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, sometimes
- Not very often
- No, not at all

**8.** I have felt sad or miserable

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, quite often
- Not very often
- No, not at all

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

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, quite often
- Only occasionally
- No, never

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

- Yes, quite often
- Sometimes
- Hardly ever
- Never