APPENDIX C

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Overview:

Description:	The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) is a 9-item self-administered tool for screening, diagnosing, monitoring, and measuring the severity of depression.				
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Guidelines for use within OSP:	Administer with client at assessment and at EVERY treatment session.				
	Caseness* cut-off is a score of ≥ 10.				
	*Caseness cutoff is defined as a score above which would indicate a clinical case (i.e. the score above which to consider the use of the specific problem descriptor).				
Scoring Instructions:	Add the values for each column, and then add the sum for each column to get the total score.				
	Guide for Interpreting PHQ-9 Scores:				
	Major depressive disorder is suggested if:				
	Of the 9 items, 5 or more are checked as at least 'more than half the				
	days'				
	Either item a. or b. is positive, that is, at least 'more than half the days'				
	Other depressive syndrome is suggested if:				
	Of the 9 items, a., b. or c. is checked as at least 'more than half the days'				
	Either item a. or b. is positive, that is, at least 'more than half the days'				
	Total Interpretation				
	Score				
	0 – 4 Normal range or full remission. The score suggests the patient may				
	not need depression treatment.				
	5 – 9 Mild 10 – 14 Moderate				
	15 – 19 Moderate 15 – 19 Moderately Severe				
	≥20 Severe				

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1. Over the last two weeks how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Not at all (0)	Several days (1)	More than half the days (2)	Nearly every day (3)		
a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things.						
b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless.						
c. Trouble falling/staying asleep, sleeping too much						
d. Feeling tired or having little energy						
e. Poor appetite or overeating.						
f. Feeling bad about yourself, or that you are a failure, or have let yourself or your family down.						
g. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching TV.						
h. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite; being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around more than usual.						
i. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way.						
Total Score: 2. If you checked off any problem on this questionnaire so far, how difficult have these problems						
made it for you to do your work, take care of t						
☐ Not difficult at all ☐ Somewhat difficult	☐ Very diffi	icult \square	Extremely di	fficult		