

# Oxford Depression Questionnaire (ODQ)

English version for the United Kingdom

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This questionnaire asks about your emotional experiences during the past week. There are three sections to this questionnaire - please complete each section.

#### **SECTION 1**

Please read each statement carefully. Then, place a tick in the box corresponding to the answer which best describes your experience *during the past week*. Please give an answer for every question. Do not spend too long on each question – your first impressions are probably best.

		Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree
1	All my emotions, both `pleasant' and `unpleasant', are `toned down'					
2	I don't fully enjoy things that should give me pleasure, such as beautiful places or things or music					
3	I care less about other people's feelings than I think I should		$\mathbf{C}$			
4	Because I don't care so much about things, I'm having problems at home					
5	Unpleasant emotions, such as sadness, disappointment, and upset, feel toned down or different in some way					
6	I don't look forward to things with eager anticipation					
7	I don't have much sympathy for people					
8	I feel `spaced out' and distant from the world around me					
9	My emotions lack intensity					
10	I don't have the passion and enthusiasm for life that I should					
11	Other people being upset doesn't affect me					
12	Because I don't care so much about things, I'm having problems at work or college					

### **SECTION 2**

The following questions ask you to *compare* your experiences *during the past week* to your experiences *before you developed your illness / problem*. Again, read each statement carefully. Then, place a tick in the box corresponding to the answer which best describes your experience. Remember, do not spend too long on each question – your first impressions are probably best.

		Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree
13	Day to day life just doesn't have the same emotional impact on me that it did before my illness / problem				S	
14	I don't experience <u>pleasant</u> emotions as much as I did before I developed my illness/problem					
15	I don't react to other people's emotions (such as their sadness, anger or upset) as much as I did before my illness / problem					
16	I don't care as much about my day to day responsibilities as I did before I developed my illness / problem					
17	My emotions are numbed / dulled / flattened compared to before I developed my illness / problem					
18	I don't get as much of a `high' from good things in my life as I did before my illness / problem					
19	I don't have as much sympathy for other people as I did before my illness / problem					
20	I just don't care about things as much as I did before my illness / problem					
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## **SECTION 3**

If you are <u>not</u> currently prescribed antidepressants for your illness / problem, please tick this box  $\Box$ , and do not answer any more questions.

If you <u>are</u> currently prescribed antidepressants for your illness / problem, please answer the following questions. Remember, the questions refer to your experiences *during only the past week*.

		Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree
21	The antidepressant is preventing me from feeling my emotions in some way					
22	The antidepressant seems to make me just not care about things that should matter to me					
23	The antidepressant seems to make me feel emotionally disconnected from people around me					
24	The antidepressant is preventing me from feeling <u>pleasant</u> emotions					
25	The antidepressant changes the way that I experience my emotions in a way that is <u>unhelpful</u> (not helpful) to me at the moment					
26	I have considered stopping (or have already stopped) my antidepressant because of its emotional side-effects					

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