Wakefield Self-Report Questionnaire

Read these statements carefully, one at a time, and underline or circle the response that best indicates how you feel. It is very important to indicate how you are now, not how you were, or how you would hope to be.

A. I feel miserable and sad.  
   0) No, not at all  
   1) No, not much  
   2) Yes, sometimes  
   3) Yes, definitely

B. I find it easy to do the things I used to do.  
   0) Yes, definitely  
   1) Yes, sometimes  
   2) No, not much  
   3) No, not at all

C. I get very frightened or panicky feeling for apparently no reason at all.  
   0) No, not at all  
   1) No, not much  
   2) Yes, sometimes  
   3) Yes, definitely

D. I have weeping spells, or feel like it  
   0) No, not at all  
   1) No, not much  
   2) Yes, sometimes  
   3) Yes, definitely

E. I still enjoy the things I used to.  
   0) Yes, definitely  
   1) Yes, sometimes  
   2) No, not much  
   3) No, not at all

F. I am restless and can’t keep still.  
   0) No, not at all  
   1) No, not much  
   2) Yes, sometimes  
   3) Yes, definitely

G. I get off to sleep easily without sleeping tablets.  
   0) Yes, definitely  
   1) Yes, sometimes  
   2) No, not much  
   3) No, not at all

H. I feel anxious when I go out of the house on my own.  
   0) No, not at all  
   1) No, not much  
   2) Yes, sometimes  
   3) Yes, definitely

I. I have lost interest in things.  
   0) No, not at all  
   1) No, not much  
   2) Yes, sometimes  
   3) Yes, definitely
The Wakefield Self-Report Questionnaire is scored by adding up the numbers selected for each of the 12 items. Most depressed people score 15 or above on the Wakefield, whereas most non-depressed people score between 0 and 14. It is important to realize that a rating scale such as the Wakefield does not diagnose clinical depression. The Wakefield measures the frequency and intensity of symptoms often associated with depression. Some high scores may be attained by individuals with other emotional problems or physical illnesses. Therefore, use the test as a guide, and consider consulting a doctor for an evaluation if your score is 15 or more.

Scores lower than 15 may still warrant consultation with a doctor if your distress or dysfunction is substantial. Repeating the Wakefield approximately two weeks after its first use may be helpful, and if your score is still below 15 but rising, you should strongly consider consulting a doctor.