

**NACC Uniform Data Set (UDS) – Initial Visit Packet**

**Form B6: Behavioral Assessment – Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS<sup>1</sup>)**

Center: \_\_\_\_\_ ADC Subject ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Form Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This form is to be completed by the clinician or other trained health professional, based on subject response. For additional clarification and examples, see UDS Coding Guidebook for Initial Visit Packet, Form B6. Circle only one number per question.** ADC Visit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner's initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box and enter "88" below for the Total GDS Score if and only if the subject: 1) does not attempt the GDS, or 2) answers fewer than twelve questions.

**Instruct the subject:** "In the next part of this interview, I will ask you questions about your feelings. Some of the questions I will ask you may not apply, and some may make you feel uncomfortable. For each question, please answer "yes" or "no", depending on how you have been feeling **in the past week, including today.**"

	Yes	No
1. Are you basically satisfied with your life?	0	1
2. Have you dropped many of your activities and interests?	1	0
3. Do you feel that your life is empty?	1	0
4. Do you often get bored?	1	0
5. Are you in good spirits most of the time?	0	1
6. Are you afraid that something bad is going to happen to you?	1	0
7. Do you feel happy most of the time?	0	1
8. Do you often feel helpless?	1	0
9. Do you prefer to stay at home, rather than going out and doing new things?	1	0
10. Do you feel you have more problems with memory than most?	1	0
11. Do you think it is wonderful to be alive now?	0	1
12. Do you feel pretty worthless the way you are now?	1	0
13. Do you feel full of energy?	0	1
14. Do you feel that your situation is hopeless?	1	0
15. Do you think that most people are better off than you are?	1	0
<b>16. Sum all circled answers for a Total GDS Score</b> (maximum score = 15) (did not complete = 88)	— —	

<sup>1</sup> Sheikh JI, Yesavage JA. Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS): Recent evidence and development of a shorter version. Clinical Gerontology: A Guide to Assessment and Intervention 165-173, NY: The Haworth Press, 1986. Reproduced by permission of the publisher.