



Form B6: BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT – Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS)¹

ADRC: _____ PTID: _____ Form date: ___/___/____ Visit #: _____ Examiner's initials: _____

Language: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 English <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Spanish	Mode: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 In-person <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Remote (reason): ___ <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Video <input type="checkbox"/> 0 Not completed (reason): ___	Key (remote reason): 1=Too cognitively impaired 2=Too physically impaired 3=Homebound or nursing home 4=Refused in-person visit 5=Other	Key (not completed reason): 95=Physical problem 96=Cognitive/behavioral problem 97=Other 98=Verbal refusal
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INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be completed by the clinician or other trained health professional, based on participant response. For additional clarification and examples, see [UDS Coding Guidebook, Form B6](#). Check only one answer per question.

Check this box and enter "88" below for the Total GDS Score **if and only if the participant:** 1.) does not attempt the GDS, or 2.) answers fewer than 12 questions.

Instruct the participant: "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	Did not answer
1.	Are you basically satisfied with your life?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
2.	Have you dropped many of your activities and interests?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
3.	Do you feel that your life is empty?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
4.	Do you often get bored?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
5.	Are you in good spirits most of the time?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
6.	Are you afraid that something bad is going to happen to you?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
7.	Do you feel happy most of the time?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
8.	Do you often feel helpless?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
9.	Do you prefer to stay at home, rather than going out and doing new things?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
10.	Do you feel you have more problems with memory than most?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
11.	Do you think it is wonderful to be alive now?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
12.	Do you feel pretty worthless the way you are now?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
13.	Do you feel full of energy?	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
14.	Do you feel that your situation is hopeless?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
15.	Do you think that most people are better off than you are?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
16.	Sum all checked answers for a Total GDS Score (max score = 15; did not complete = 88)	— —		

¹Sheikh 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.