



Relapse Prevention Plan

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Purpose: Depression can occur multiple times during a person’s lifetime. The purpose of a relapse prevention plan is to help you understand your own personal warning signs. These warning signs are specific to each person and can help you identify when depression may be starting to return so you can get help sooner – before the symptoms get bad. The other purpose of a relapse prevention plan is to help remind you what has worked for you to feel better. Both of these put YOU in charge!

Instructions: 1. Fill out this form with your care manager. 2. Put it where you’ll come across it on a regular basis. 3. Use the PHQ-9 on the back to self-assess yourself. 4. If you see signs of returning depression, use your prevention plan.

Maintenance medications

1. _____; _____ tablet(s) of _____ mg _____ Take at least until _____
2. _____; _____ tablet(s) of _____ mg _____ Take at least until _____
3. _____; _____ tablet(s) of _____ mg _____ Take at least until _____
4. _____; _____ tablet(s) of _____ mg _____ Take at least until _____

Call your primary care provider or your care manager with any questions (see contact information below).

Other treatments

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Personal warning signs

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Things that help me feel better

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If symptoms return, contact: _____

Primary Care Provider: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Care Manager: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Next appointment: Date: _____ Time: _____



PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE (PHQ-9)

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Over the *last 2 weeks*, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?
(use "✓" to indicate your answer)

| | Not at all | Several days | More than half the days | Nearly every day |
|---|------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4. Feeling tired or having little energy | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5. Poor appetite or overeating | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6. Feeling bad about yourself—or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8. 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 a lot more than usual | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

add columns: + +

(Healthcare professional: For interpretation of TOTAL, please refer to accompanying scoring card.) **TOTAL:**

10. If you checked off *any* problems, how *difficult* have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all _____
Somewhat difficult _____
Very difficult _____
Extremely difficult _____

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