

Explanatory Notes

What is the K10 and how is it scored?

The K10 is widely recommended as a simple measure of psychological distress and as a measure of outcomes following treatment for common mental health disorders. The K10 is in the public domain and is promoted on the Clinical Research Unit for Anxiety and Depression website (www.crufad.org) as a self report measure to identify need for treatment.

The K10 uses a five value response option for each question – all of the time, most of the time, some of the time, a little of the time and none of the time which can be scored from five through to one.

The maximum score is 50 indicating severe distress, the minimum score is 10 indicating no distress.

Questions 3 and 6 are not asked if the proceeding question was 'none of the time' in which case questions 3 and 6 would automatically receive a score of one.

For further information on the K10 please refer to www.crufad.org or Andrews, G Slade, T. Interpreting scores on the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K10). *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*: 2001; 25:6: 494-497.

K10

For all questions, please fill in the appropriate response circle. Fill in the circles like this: ●
Please do not tick or cross the circles.

In the past 4 weeks:

None of
the time

A little of
the time

Some of
the time

Most of
the time

All of
the time

1. About how often did you feel tired out for no good reason?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

2. About how often did you feel nervous?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

3. About how often did you feel so nervous that nothing could calm you down?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

4. About how often did you feel hopeless?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

5. About how often did you feel restless or fidgety?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

6. About how often did you feel so restless you could not sit still?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

7. About how often did you feel depressed?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

8. About how often did you feel that everything is an effort?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

9. About how often did you feel so sad that nothing could cheer you up?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

10. About how often did you feel worthless?

○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

Today's date / /
Day Month Year