

Depression Rating Scale (DRS)

Score	Item
0-3	Made negative statements
0-3	Persistent anger with self or others
0-3	Expressions (including non-verbal) of what appear to be unrealistic fears
0-3	Repetitive health complaints
0-3	Repetitive anxious complaints/concerns (non-health related)
0-3	Sad, pained, worried facial expression
0-3	Crying, tearfulness

Range: 0-14

Scoring:

0 = No mood symptoms

14 = All mood symptoms present in last 3 days

Scores of 3 or greater indicate major or minor depressive disorders.

The Depression Rating Scale (DRS) is calculated by summing all seven input items after recoding each input item to a three-point (0, 1, 2) scale. For each input item, above, the first two levels, 0 and 1, are not recoded; level 2 is recoded to 1; and level 3 is recoded to 2.

Source: Burrows A, Morris JN, Simon S, Hirdes JP, Phillips C. (2000) Development of a Minimum Data Set-based Depression Rating Scale for Use in Nursing Homes. *Age and Ageing* 29(2): 165-172.