

Depression Rating Scale (DRS)

Score	Item
0–3	Made negative statements
0–3	Persistent anger with self or others
0–3	Expressions (including nonverbal) 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): 165–72.