## The Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (PHQ-2)

**Instructions:** Print out the short form below and ask patients to complete it while sitting in the waiting or exam room.

**Use:** The purpose of the PHQ-2 is not to establish a final diagnosis or to monitor depression severity, but rather to screen for depression as a "first-step" approach.

**Scoring:** A PHQ-2 score ranges from 0 to 6; patients with scores of 3 or more should be further evaluated with the PHQ-9, other diagnostic instrument(s), or a direct interview to determine whether they meet criteria for a depressive disorder.

| Patients Name:  |            | Date of Visit:      |                                    |                |
|---|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| DOB:  |            |                     |                                    |                |
| Over the past 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? | Not at all | Several days        | More than one-<br>half of the days | Nearly every d |
| 1. Little interest of pleasure in doing things  | 0          | 1                   | 2                                  | 3              |
| 2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless   | 0          | 1                   | 2                                  | 3              |
|   |            |                     | FOR CLINIC PERSO                   | ONNEL USE:     |
|   |            | Total Score:        |                                    |                |
|   |            | Reviewed by:        |                                    |                |
|   |            | Provider signature: |                                    |                |