

Example Depression Screening Workflow

USING DEPRESSION SCREENING TOOLS IN A CLINICAL SETTING

Developed for care settings, screening tools can be administered by a variety of staff using different approaches.

Often, administrative staff or medical assistants score the PHQ-2 and subsequently enter the score into the patient's medical health record. If patients have difficulty with reading or comprehension, a staff member can help them complete the tool.

Depending on the results of the **PHQ-2** score, the patient may be asked to complete a more inclusive assessment using the **PHQ-9** tool. The framework of a suggested workflow is shown at right.

NOTE: A “yes” answer to question #9 on the PHQ-9 warrants a high acuity plan no matter what the overall score. Consider initiating **zero-suicide** treatment planning.

Depression Screening Sample Workflow

